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Synopsis:

On 12/5/68, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, represented by his attorney, RUSSELL E. PARSONS, appeared before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge HERBERT V. WALKER. Los Angeles attorney GRANT B. COOPER made motion to be included as an attorney of record for SIRHAN. COOPER requested, and was granted, continuance of case to 1/7/69. On 12/18/68, SIRHAN again appeared before Judge WALKER for purpose of including New York attorney EMILE ZOLA BERMAN as an additional attorney to represent him. Judge WALKER also ruled that the jury would be sequestered during the entire trial. On 12/23/68, defense attorney GRANT B. COOPER appeared before Judge WALKER and made formal demand to District Attorney's Office for certain items under California Law of Discovery. On 1/7/69, trial commenced in Los Angeles County Superior Court, and court recessed for consideration of motions. On 1/8/69, defense attorney COOPER renewed previous motion for 30 day delay of trial which was denied. Selection of jury began 1/9/69, and continued until 1/24/69. Trial continued to 1/29/69, when court to hear defense motion to quash Grand Jury indictment against SIRHAN. On 1/29, 30/69, court heard motions to quash indictment which were denied. Further proceedings continued to 2/4/69, and jury ordered to return to court on 2/5/69. Additional members of ROBERT F. KENNEDY's staff and news media and additional persons registered as guests at Ambassador Hotel at time of shooting interviewed. None recalled observing SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in Ambassador Hotel prior to shooting. MICHAEL ANTHONY SACCOMAN, Monrovia,

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California, advised that on 6/4/68, he had been at Fish Canyon Firing Range (commonly known as San Gabriel Valley Gun Club). SACCOMAN advised SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN also at gun range and he and SIRHAN exchanged guns. SIRHAN using "hollowpoint .22 long rifle, Mini-mags" ammunition and SIRHAN described as being "a pretty good shot". SACCOMAN advised SIRHAN appeared to be alone at range and SIRHAN advised him his pistol could "kill a dog". LEE JOSEPH PITTS, JR., age 17, interviewed and admitted having made several telephone calls to Jackson Office of FBI in October 1968, identifying himself as 17-year old white female named SUBRINA DUBLE with information concerning assassination. SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN reportedly good friend of WALTER SHERRILL CROWE, JR., during grade school and high school days in Pasadena. CROWE, who attended Communist Party meetings as late as October 1968, reportedly indicated that SIRHAN thought politically along Marxist lines, but was not a political activist. CROWE reportedly indicated that he did not attempt to recruit SIRHAN into the Communist Party at any time.

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PROSECUTIVE ACTION CONCERNING
SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

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SIRHAN B. SIRHAN appeared in Los Angeles County Superior Court on December 5, 1968, represented by his attorney, RUSSELL E. PARSONS.

At this court appearance, Los Angeles Attorney GRANT B. COOPER made a motion to the court that he, COOPER, be included as an attorney of record to represent SIRHAN.

COOPER requested, and was granted, a further postponement of the case until January 7, 1969, for trial date. COOPER requested this continuance on the basis that he had been involved in United States District Court at Los Angeles on behalf of a defendant in a lengthy Federal trial. An additional reason given for the request of continuance was that New York Attorney EMILE ZOLA BERMAN is also to assist in the defense of SIRHAN and his previous commitments precluded his appearance in Los Angeles before January 7, 1969.

Judge HERBERT V. WALKER, who is the presiding judge for this trial, advised on December 5, 1968, that he is making arrangements for closed circuit television coverage of the trial as the courtroom will not accomodate the number of news representatives who have made application to attend the trial.

Judge WALKER further advised that it is his intention to sequester the jury once it has been sworn and this condition will remain until the termination of the trial.

On December 18, 1968, SIRHAN appeared in court before Judge WALKER for the purpose of including New York Attorney EMILE ZOLA BERMAN as an additional attorney to represent SIRHAN.

During this same appearance, Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney JOHN HOWARD requested the court to hear, and stated, his objections to sequestering the jury. Defense Attorney COOPER argued against HOWARD and was in favor of a sequestered jury. Judge WALKER ruled that the jury would be sequestered during the entire trial.

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On December 23, 1968, Defense Attorney GRANT B. COOPER appeared before Judge WALKER at which time JOHN HOWARD, representing the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, was present. At that time, COOPER made formal demand upon the District Attorney's Office for items desired under the California Law of Discovery. Judge WALKER granted the motion ordering that these items be turned over to the defense. The District Attorney's Office immediately complied with the court order. These items included various statements, photographs, and drawings pertaining to SIRHAN and his family.

On January 6, 1969, Judge HERBERT V. WALKER requested a meeting with representatives of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and Defense Attorneys for SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

The purpose of this meeting was to determine ground rules for trial procedures when the trial starts on January 7, 1969.

At that time, GRANT B. COOPER attempted to make a motion to have separate juries; one to determine guilt or innocence, and one to determine penalty.

COOPER also attempted to make a motion to vacate the Grand Jury's indictment against SIRHAN on the basis that the Grand Jury, as it currently exists, is improperly paneled. Judge WALKER refused to hear the motion on that date and indicated that they would be heard prior to the selection of a jury.

On January 7, 1969, the trial for SIRHAN commenced in Los Angeles County Superior Court and Defense Attorneys offered motions. Court was recessed until January 8, 1969, for consideration of motions.

On January 8, 1969, Defense Attorney COOPER renewed a previous motion for a 30-day delay of the trial and this motion was denied by the court.

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On January 9, 1969, selection of the jury was begun and this continued until January 24, 1969, at which court session both defense and prosecution agreed on 12 jurors.

On January 24, 1969, trial was postponed to January 29, 1969, for court to hear defense motion to quash the Grand Jury indictment against SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

On January 29, 1969 and January 30, 1969, court sessions consisted of defense efforts to quash the indictment. Further proceedings in this matter have been continued until February 4, 1969, and the jury has been ordered to return to court on February 5, 1969.

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ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS OF
INDIVIDUALS IN AREA OF SHOOTING

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 11/20/68

ANTHONY AKERS, Attorney, 555 Madison Avenue, New York City, furnished the following information:

He was personally acquainted with the late JOHN KENNEDY and ROBERT KENNEDY and the KENNEDY family.

On April 1, 1968, he went to California, at the request of ROBERT KENNEDY, to head up the Southern California Delegation and was in California until ROBERT KENNEDY was fatally shot on June 5, 1968.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, he was in ROBERT KENNEDY's personal headquarters on the Fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, watching election returns on television, with the personal staff and upper echelon of ROBERT KENNEDY. At about 11:20 PM the news projection showed that ROBERT KENNEDY was going to be the winner. ROBERT KENNEDY thought it was time to go down and meet the crowd below.

After making arrangements with Mr. UNO the hotel manager, and two or three other people, as to the routine to follow to get ROBERT KENNEDY downstairs to the Podium he led ROBERT KENNEDY downstairs to the Podium. As far as he can recall they took an elevator to the basement of the hotel, walked through a passage way to a freight elevator and up the freight elevator to the floor where the ballroom and Podium were located. As far as he can recall they entered the serving kitchen from the freight elevator, walked by the serving table and ice machine on up to the Podium. In the area of the serving kitchen ROBERT KENNEDY shook hands with a few of the hotel employees.

At the time there was a crowd of people behind and up on the Podium. The ballroom was crowded with people.

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On 11/18/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA O. EUGENE SMITH/ems Date dictated 11/19/68

After leading ROBERT KENNEDY up to the Podium he told ROBERT KENNEDY that he was going to clear a path so that when he (KENNEDY) left the Podium he could go to a ballroom on a floor below where there was a crowd of people. He told ROBERT KENNEDY to go to the left when he left the Podium and KENNEDY agreed to this.

He started clearing a path from the Podium on the left side of the Podium. ROBERT KENNEDY left the Podium and he lost sight of him in the mass of people. He was puzzled because he expected ROBERT KENNEDY to turn in his direction. He stayed where he was because he thought ROBERT KENNEDY might be chatting with someone. He continued to try to keep a path open for ROBERT KENNEDY.

Several minutes went by. People were talking in loud voices and celebrating. He was about thirty feet to the left of the Podium. The crowd started surging back toward him from the direction of the Podium. He heard women screaming and he thought someone had gotten knocked down in the crowd. He then noticed people running around in a daze and women weeping.

He then heard that someone had been shot. STEVE SMITH came out to the ballroom to try to clear the ballroom. He went back to the area where ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot. ROBERT KENNEDY had already been removed from the hotel and SIRHAN SIRHAN had already been removed from the hotel by the police.

He had no knowledge of SIRHAN being in the hotel prior to the shooting of ROBERT KENNEDY.

He did not hear any shots and did not realize that ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot until several minutes after the shooting. At the time of the shooting his wife was up in the Fifth floor personal headquarters of ROBERT KENNEDY watching television.

Just prior to STEVE SMITH coming out to try to clear the ballroom he noticed an individual from the rear running toward the anteroom. This individual would have been between the Podium and the anteroom. He only observed this individual for a moment. This individual had a close shaven head, dark skin, age about thirty to forty, stocky build and appeared to be a mulatto. He did not see this man's face and would be unable to identify him. At the time he thought to himself that this individual was probably a photographer rushing out to get his film developed. He also recalls slightly that there may have been another man running in front of this individual but he cannot describe this second man at all.

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Date December 9, 1968

RICHARD CORBERT, Assistant to the President, Park Agency, Room 3021, Pan American Building, New York City furnished the following information:

At the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California he was behind a group of people who were with Senator KENNEDY. He heard the shots but did not observe the shooting. He did not observe SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time, either before or after the shooting.

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Telephonically
New York, New York

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On _____ at _____ File # _____

by O. EUGENE SMITH

Date dictated 12/9/68

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Date 10/29/68

EUGENE A. DELLEA, Pomeroy Ave., West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, was interviewed at the Pittsfield, Massachusetts Police Department.

He furnished the following information:

On May 17, 1968, he flew from Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Connecticut, via TWA to Los Angeles, California, arriving there at approximately 3:00 a.m., May 18, 1968. Upon arriving in Los Angeles, he checked into the Ambassador Hotel.

On May 18, 1968, he met with DONALD DOWD, a co-ordinator during the campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and was briefed on the campaign programs.

He advised that a Workshop was held in a school in West Los Angeles and that during the day of May 18, 1968, he travelled to various locations in West Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, and Santa Monica, California.

He related that from May 18, 1968, through June 4, 1968, he worked with Mr. DOWD in organizing Senator KENNEDY's campaign in the Los Angeles area.

He stated that the campaign activities were running smoothly and the only trouble occurring was that campaign posters on the cars of campaign workers were constantly being ripped off the cars.

He related that on the night of June 2, 1968, he was in the Coconut Grove. He advised that he noticed an individual wandering around who didn't appear to belong to the campaign group.

He advised that KAY HACKETT, a campaign worker, mentioned to him that she had asked this individual to leave the area, but he had refused to do so. He advised that he asked the individual to leave, but the individual did not do so.

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On 10/21/68 at Pittsfield, Massachusetts File # Boston 56-74

by SA EDWARD V. DAILLEY/kab Date dictated 10/24/68

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He advised that he spoke to Mr. DOWD about this individual and Mr. DOWD told him to go and tell a policeman to see if he'd ask the individual to leave.

He advised that he mentioned the matter to a policeman, but he later observed the same individual talking to a group of Catholic nuns. He advised that he then assumed that the individual was probably connected with the campaign in some capacity, and he dismissed the matter from his thoughts.

He related that during the evening of June 4, 1968, he saw the same individual in the Embassy Room and recalled that Mr. DOWD mentioned to him that this same individual was back again.

He advised that so far as he knew this individual did not exhibit any pass or identification card which allowed him to be in the Embassy Room. He related that it was possible to enter the Embassy Room without showing identification due to the large crowd and confusion in the room.

He furnished the following physical description of the individual:

Nationality:	Possibly Lebanese, Greek, or Italian
Age:	Middle 50's
Hair:	Dark
Build:	Very heavy
Weight:	250 lbs.
Height:	6' - 6'2"
Remarks:	"looked like a hood"

He was exhibited a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and advised that he never saw SIRHAN or ever heard SIRHAN's name mentioned at any time and that SIRHAN was not identical with the man he saw in the Coconut Grove and the Embassy Room.

He advised that at the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY he was in the Embassy Room standing immediately in front and below the television cameras with Mr. DOWD. He related that this placed him in the right rear of the Embassy Room next to the restaurant.

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He recalled that the television cameras were not operating and that some of the people in the Embassy Room were leaving.

He advised that he heard a "pop" sound as though a balloon had been popped. He then noticed a great deal of confusion and shouting and heard someone say that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

He related that Mr. DOWD ran out of the room through a door behind the television camera. He advised that he tried to follow Mr. DOWD, but he was forced back by police officers.

He related that he then rushed out the main door into the lobby and met Mr. DOWD there with POLLY FITZGERALD, a KENNEDY relative. He advised that he and Mr. DOWD and POLLY FITZGERALD then saw policemen taking a man out of the area.

He advised that he and Mr. DOWD accompanied Mrs. FITZGERALD to her suite and that Mr. DOWD went to Senator KENNEDY's suite to check on the Senator's children.

He advised that Mr. DOWD returned to Mrs. FITZGERALD and that they then went to the hospital where Senator KENNEDY had been taken.

He believed that they arrived at the hospital at 2:15 a.m., June 5, 1968; and they remained at the hospital until 7:00 a.m., June 5, 1968.

He advised that after leaving the hospital, he went to the airport and flew to Boston, Massachusetts, on Senator KENNEDY's airplane, arriving in Boston at 9:00 a.m., June 5, 1968.

The following background information was obtained through interrogation and personal observation:

Name:	EUGENE A. DELLEA
Address:	Pomeroy Ave., West Stockbridge, Massachusetts
Born:	Pittsfield, Massachusetts
Height:	5'11"

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Weight:	174 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Brown
Employment:	Technician, Hillcrest Hospital, Pittsfield, Massachusetts
Parents:	GUY DELLEA - father JOSEPHINE DELLEA - mother Pomeroy Ave., West Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

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Mrs. EDWARD (POLLY) FITZGERALD, 38 Barbara Road, Needham, Massachusetts, advised that she is a cousin of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She advised that she participated in the late Senator's presidential campaign in several states during the spring of 1968. She advised that she was upstairs in her room shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968, in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, when she was advised by telephone that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She hurried downstairs to the lobby and observed an individual subsequently identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN being removed from the area by police.

Mrs. FITZGERALD advised that she could relate no incidents in regard to the shooting inasmuch as she was not present and she further stated that she had never seen SIRHAN previously on any occasion.

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On 11/25/68 at Needham, Massachusetts File # BOSTON 44-646

by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/car Date dictated 11/26/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/17/68

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN, National Chairman of Democratic Party, was interviewed at Washington, D. C., and furnished the following information:

O'BRIEN stated he was with Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's campaign throughout the duration. On the night of the slaying O'BRIEN stated he was in the audience during Senator KENNEDY's speech. Immediately following the speech he left the auditorium to go to his room. O'BRIEN said he did not know about the shooting until he was outside of the hotel. At no time had he seen SIRHAN or the girl in the polka dot dress.

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On 12/13/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA ROBERT F. PETTY:mac Date dictated 12/17/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 9, 1968

Mr. Theodore C. Sorensen, attorney 575 Madison Ave., New York, New York, stated that he was a member of Senator Robert Kennedy's Presidential campaign and as such was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California on the night of June 4, - 5, 1968.

During Senator Kennedy's speech and immediately after it, Mr. Sorensen was in a suite of rooms in the hotel and did not witness the speech or the shooting. After Senator Kennedy had been taken to a hospital, Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Adam Walinsky, another member of Senator Kennedy's campaign, went to the hospital.

Mr. Sorensen does not know Sirhan Sirhan.

On 12/9/68at New York, New York

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File # NY 44-1640by SA Francis L. Cashin/fcDate dictated 12/9/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date December 5, 1968

ROBERT L. TAYLOR, 206 Pine Avenue, Severna Park, Maryland, advised that he is self employed as the executive representative for Automatic Retailers of America, with offices in his home, where he resides with his wife and family. He furnished the following information:

He was a volunteer worker in the Kennedy Campaign and had been placed in charge of the businessmen's committee for the State of California. He spent most of the month of May, 1968, in California, in connection with this campaign and stayed, for the most part, in cabana 14B of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

On June 4-5, 1968, TAYLOR was at the Ambassador Hotel and about 15-30 minutes before the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, he had left the shooting scene at the hotel and was in his cabana taking a shower, getting ready for departure on June 5, 1968, for his home in Maryland. He estimated that cabana 14B was approximately 100 yards from the front entrance to the hotel. He stated he did not hear any shot at about 12:15 A.M. on June 5, 1968, but that he got out of his shower at about that time because of the loud level of noise from the hotel and thereafter learned of the shooting.

He was not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, could not recall seeing him and had no information concerning the assassination of Senator KENNEDY from personal knowledge. He stated he could not get into the area of the shooting scene shortly after the shooting because of the crowds and the restrictions of the police department.

He left Los Angeles, California, by plane for his home in Maryland, June 5, 1968.

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On 11/30/68 at Severna Park, Maryland File # BA 44-684

by SA ROBERT L. LANPHEAR:bei Date dictated 12/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/31/68

Mr. HARRY BENSON stated that he is a photographer for the London Daily Express, London, England, and also for the Black Star Publishing Company, Photographs, 450 Park Avenue South, New York, New York. He resides at 181 West 73rd Street, New York, New York, Apartment 6A, telephone number 249-0284.

On the evening of June 4-5, 1968, he was in Los Angeles, California, at the Ambassador Hotel. During Senator ROBERT KENNEDY'S speech, BENSON was in the ballroom where the speech was made and also in an area next to the stage watching the speech on a monitor. When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech, BENSON was of the impression that he was going to leave by the area in which BENSON was standing. He did not but left through the rear of the stage. BENSON was then in an alcove near the ballroom and out of sight of Senator KENNEDY when he heard a girl scream something such as "He's been shot." Instantly there was bedlam. BENSON headed toward the area of Senator KENNEDY and on the way met STEVE SMITH, Senator KENNEDY'S brother-in-law.

When BENSON got to the room of the shooting, he saw Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor. His lips were moving but BENSON heard nothing. BENSON stayed there, taking pictures, until Senator KENNEDY was removed.

BENSON did not see the shooting and to his knowledge did not then and never has seen SIRHAN SIRHAN.

BENSON then went outside the ballroom where there was a white, male, about 42 years old, approximately 6' 2" rather fat with a United States flag in his mouth. BENSON stated that this individual was a "real nutty guy" who said something such as "Thank God, he's been shot." At this time BENSON was talking to JOHN PILGER and GEORGE GALE, reporters for the London Daily Mirror, who did not get into the kitchen and they observed this "real nut."

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by SA FRANCIS L. CASHIN/prr Date dictated 10/31/68

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BENSON then went to the Associated Press Office to prepare his story.

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Date 9/24/681

JOHN BREHL, reporter, Toronto Star, 1013 National Press Building, furnished the following information:

BREHL covered the California and Oregon primaries for his newspaper. He spent his time covering both the KENNEDY and MC CARTHY campaigns. In Los Angeles he also covered both the KENNEDY and MC CARTHY campaigns.

During the time BREHL spent in Los Angeles and around the Ambassador Hotel he noticed no one who resembled the picture of SIRHAN SIRHAN. BREHL was not in a position to see the shooting of KENNEDY and did not see KENNEDY or SIRHAN after the shooting.

BREHL did not remember seeing a girl in a polka dotted dress around the Ambassador Hotel. He was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the assassination.

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On 9/18/68 at Washington, D. C. File# WFO 173-135

by SA JOHN L. PATTERSON:tab Date dictated 9/24/68

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1Date 11/22/68

RICHARD BROWN, 640 West 153rd Street, Audio Visual Consultant, "Life Magazine", advised that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel on the night Senator KENNEDY was shot. He was watching the KENNEDY victory celebration on television and when the Senator left the celebration he (BROWN) went in to take a shower. After he came out of the shower he heard sirens and looked at the television and it was then he heard that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

He did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN either before the shooting or after the shooting and he does not have any knowledge of a conspiracy.

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On 11/21/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA VINCENT P. DOHERTY/np Date dictated 11/22/68

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GEORGE GALE

GEORGE GALE, a reporter for the "London Daily Mirror", was reportedly present at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the evening of June 4, 1968.

Inquiry at the "London Daily Mirror" Office, 220 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, on November 18, 1968, revealed that GEORGE GALE had returned to London, England, and was not expected back in the United States in the near future.

It was further ascertained that GEORGE GALE, a reporter for the "London Daily Mirror", could be contacted through the "London Daily Mirror", Holborn Circus, London EC 1, England.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 17, 1968

Mr. Haynes Johnson stated that he is a reporter for the Washington, D. C. Star and that while in New York, New York he is residing at the Plaza Hotel.

On the night of June 4 - 5, 1968 he was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California covering the Presidential campaign of Senator Robert Kennedy. Johnson had a bungalow in back of the hotel and was in the bungalow during Senator Kennedy's speech and observed the speech there on television. He wrote his story there and when he delivered it to the press room he learned of the shooting of Senator Kennedy. Senator Kennedy had been taken to a hospital and he did not see Senator Kennedy, the shooting, or Sirhan Sirhan.

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On 12/17/68 at New York, New York (telephonically) File # NY 44-1640

by SA Francis L. Cashin/fc Date dictated 12/17/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/68

JOSEPH KRAFT, 3021 N Street, N. W., furnished the following information:

KRAFT is a reporter for the Hall Syndicate with his base of operations in Washington, D. C. KRAFT covered the Oregon and California Primary elections. In Oregon he was with KENNEDY the entire time and in California he divided his time between KENNEDY and MC CARTHY.

On election day KRAFT also split his time between KENNEDY and MC CARTHY. Between 10:00 and 12:00 p.m. election night KRAFT was at the Ambassador Hotel with KENNEDY in his upstairs hotel suite. When KENNEDY came down to give his victory speech, KRAFT listened to the speech in the Embassy Room. When KENNEDY left the podium and went into the kitchen area, KRAFT headed for the regular exit of the room. Before he left the room he heard shouts but no shots. He was then told that KENNEDY had been shot. KRAFT did not see KENNEDY after KENNEDY left the podium.

KRAFT does not recollect ever having seen SIRHAN at any time during the Oregon or California primary or at the Ambassador Hotel election night. While in Los Angeles, KRAFT stayed at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Mrs. KRAFT, KRAFT's wife, was in California during the early part of the campaign but she left California before the election and was in Washington, D. C., at the time KENNEDY was shot.

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On 11/26/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA JOHN L. PATTERSON:jcb

Date dictated 11/26/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 26, 1968

Mr. Jack Newfield, 30 West 5th Street, New York, New York, stated on the evening of June 4-5, 1968, he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California covering the Senator Robert Kennedy Presidential campaign as a writer.

During Senator Kennedy's speech, Newfield was upstairs in a room in the hotel. At the conclusion of Senator Kennedy's speech, Newfield got on an elevator to go downstairs to join Senator Kennedy's group. While he was on the elevator, Senator Kennedy was shot. Newfield did not see or heard the shooting. He did not see Sirhan Sirhan.

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On 11/26/68 at New York, New YorkFile # NY 44-1640by SA William J. Roemer/fcDate dictated 11/26/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 26, 1968

Mr. Loudon S. Wainwright, writer for Life Magazine, Time and Life Building, 50th Street and 6th Avenue, New York, New York, stated that during the evening of June 4-5, 1968 he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California covering the Senator Robert Kennedy Presidential campaign.

At the time of the shooting, he was in his room in the hotel writing his story, and heard of the shooting on television. Wainwright went downstairs in the hotel to the area of the shooting. When he arrived, Senator Kennedy had been taken to the hospital.

Wainwright did not see or hear the shooting and did not see Sirhan Sirhan. He knows nothing of the shooting.

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On 11/26/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA William J. Roemer/fc Date dictated 11/26/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 5, 1968

DONALD M. WILSON, Assistant Publisher, Life Magazine, Time and Life Building, New York City furnished the following information:

At the moment of the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California he was behind the Podium. Upon hearing the shots he headed toward the sound of the shots. He did not observe the shooting. Upon reaching the area of the shooting he observed a number of people grappling with SIRHAN SIRHAN. He had never observed SIRHAN SIRHAN prior to this time. He observed SIRHAN SIRHAN being hustled out of the hotel by the police.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/27/68

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JAMES CHARLES BAILEY, 260 South 156th Street, Apartment 36, Seattle, Washington, was interviewed at his place of employment, Snelling and Snelling Employment Service, 144 S.W. 153rd Street, Seattle, regarding his possible knowledge of the conspiracy upon the life of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. BAILEY advised as follows:

He was a volunteer campaign worker for Senator KENNEDY and worked in the Portland, Oregon, office starting about one month before the Oregon primary elections. He worked in a liaison capacity between the campaign headquarters and the different celebrities who would come to town to give campaign speeches. After the Oregon primaries, he went to Los Angeles, California, to help with the California primaries.

While in Los Angeles, he lived in a motel across the street from the Ford Motor Assembly Plant in East Los Angeles. About 25 campaign workers were staying in the motel.

On the evening of June 5, 1968, he went to the Ambassador Hotel for the victory celebration held in the Embassy Ballroom. He was standing near to and was talking with Mrs. SARGEANT SHRIVER and her body guards at the time it was announced that there had been an accident. He then learned that KENNEDY had been shot.

BAILEY affirms that he has never seen or known SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

During the day he was not allowed to work and, therefore, he stayed at the motel and went swimming and visited with other campaign workers. The night of the shooting, he stayed at the Ambassador Hotel in a room on the third floor which had been set aside by an unknown person for the campaign workers.

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On 12/27/68 at SEATTLE, WASHINGTON File # SE 89-62

by SA JOHN C. KAMMERMAN/msw Date dictated 12/27/68

BAILLEY stated he knows nothing concerning the shooting of ROBERT F. KENNEDY other than what he has read in the newspapers or discussed with other campaign workers.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 1/9/69

BARBARA BARNETT, 1312 Jackson Street, Apartment 11, telephone 775-0763, advised as follows:

In early June, 1968, she and another girl, CAROL LEWIS, were attending a party given in honor of former Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She was in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel at the approximate time when the Senator was assassinated. She recalls hearing only some noise and a lot of confusion after the noise. She was later told that the noise she probably heard was the sound of shots but she could not identify them as such. In the confusion she did not see the individual involved nor any of the events as they took place.

She is presently employed as a secretary at Glore, Forgan and Staats, Stockbrokers, 221 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

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On 1/8/69 at San Francisco, California File # LA 56-156
SF 62-5481

by H. ERNEST WOODY / ER Date dictated 1/9/69

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 4, 1968

CECI DOUCET, Martha Washington Apartments, 1802 S.W. 10th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, stated that she is employed at the Standard Plaza Building, 1100 S.W. 6th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, in Room 902. She stated she was in the Embassy Room of the hotel at the time Senator KENNEDY was assaulted. She did not see the shooting as the shooting occurred in a corridor outside the Embassy Room. When she heard the shots, she thought that it was balloons popping and that the yelling and excitement in the corridor came as a result of the people viewing Senator KENNEDY as he was considered quite a celebrity at the hotel. She said that she did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at anytime, either prior to the assassination or after the Senator had been shot. She said she had no knowledge of a conspiracy upon the life of the Senator and that the only knowledge she currently has of the assault came from what she heard on the news media. She did not witness any unusual activity around the hotel during the day before the assault took place and she noted that she had not slept for five days prior to the assault due to the pace of the campaign.

She stated that the following individuals, to her knowledge, were also present at the time the assassination took place:

GIL HAIMSON, 8826 Lookout Mountain,
Los Angeles, California,
home telephone number OL6-8411,
business telephone number HO3-3215.
HAIMSON is a news reporter and may presently be
in Europe.

VINCE GIMARELLI, Frederick Street,
Burbank, California.
GIMARELLI was a high school student who was
very enthusiastic about the Senator's campaign.

STUS PRUSZYNSKI, 2190 Crescent, Number 4,
Montreal, Canada, or care of CICERO, 1248 24th Street,
West, Los Angeles, California.

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On 12/4/68 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 62-2864

by SA ROBERT O. WHITE:tms

Date dictated 12/4/68

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JOHN PUETZ, 402 East 6th Street, Fowler, Indiana.

MUFF SINGER, 140 Swetzer, Los Angeles, California,
phone number 654-2097.

JIM NICO, 1214 N. Canal Road, Lansing, Michigan.

JOE MC MAHON, 800 Monroe Street, Berwick,
Pennsylvania.

NICK FAMULARO, 1350 N. Wilcox, Hollywood, California.

PHIL MULLER, 3000 West Hamilton Way,
Hollywood, California.

JIM BAILEY, 2435 S.W. Ecole, Beaverton, Oreg.,
who may be residing in the State of Washington.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/68

JOAN DWORKIN, who resides at 35-36 76th Street, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York, advised that she was in the back of the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador in Los Angeles, at the time of the murder of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She stated that she remained in that area watching the proceedings on television and has no information of value. She stated that she was with her husband and that neither her nor her husband could recall seeing SIRHAN B. SIRHAN prior to the time they saw him being removed by the police.

The following is a physical description of JOAN DWORKIN:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Brooklyn, New York
Height	5'4"
Weight	150
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Green
Marital Status	Married
Education	High school
Arrest	None.

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DWORKIN advised that she believed that BARBARA BARNETT, a former employee of the agency was also in the Embassy ballroom at the time of the murder. She stated that BARNETT can be located until December 1, at 2460 Larkin Street, San Francisco, California, and after December 1, at 1311 Jackson Street, San Francisco, California.

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On 11/21/68 at 777 Third Avenue, New York File # NY 44-1640

SA FREDERICK J. LONERGAN/mmh

by _____ Date dictated 11/21/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date December 3, 1968

WILLIS FRANKLIN EDWARDS, ASN US [REDACTED], Company D, 8th Battalion, Third AIT Brigade, Fort Gordon, Georgia, was interviewed regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He advised the following:

He received a letter from California State Senator JESSE UNRUH, thanking him for supporting KENNEDY in his campaign and suggested that EDWARDS contact the Los Angeles Police Department. EDWARDS advised that he then wrote the Los Angeles Police Department and informed them that he was present during the KENNEDY assassination.

EDWARDS advised that he worked actively in the KENNEDY campaign in California and was present with approximately 1,000 other people in the room of the Ambassador Hotel where Senator KENNEDY was killed. He advised that he was standing approximately seven to ten people away from the alleged assassin and he was in a direct line with the assassin and Senator KENNEDY looking directly at the back of KENNEDY's head when KENNEDY fell. He advised that he first became aware that something unusual was going on when he heard shots ring out and heard people screaming. He stated that he saw ROOSEVELT GRIER and RAFAEL JOHNSON grab a man and take the gun from the man's hand. He stated that this man was the same man whose photograph later appeared in newspapers. He advised that he had seen this alleged assassin two or three hours before the shooting in a corridor leading to the room where KENNEDY was assassinated. He advised at that time he had done a double take when he had seen the man. He does not know why he paid particular attention to this individual inasmuch as he was not dressed any different from the people in the hotel. He stated that something unusual about the man's appearance caused him to take a second look. He advised that as best he can remember the man was by himself at the time and that he does not recall ever seeing this individual before that night.

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by SA LARRY E. ENGLEBRIGHT/tme Date dictated 11/29/68

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EDWARDS advised that the memory of the assassination has caused him nightmares and that he has considered consulting a psychiatrist regarding his condition. He was visibly affected during the interview and became emotional, rambling in his conversation, expounding on the causes of Senator KENNEDY and MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The following description of EDWARDS was gained through observation and interview:

Name	WILLIS FRANKLIN EDWARDS
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Occupation	U.S. Army
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Houston, Texas
Marital Status	Single
Education	15 years
Civilian Occupation	Student - California State College
Height	6'3"
Weight	175
Relatives	Mr. and Mrs. FRANK EDWARDS (Parents) 63530 Avenida Avenue Palm Springs, California
	EDWARD EARL EDWARDS (Brother) 1571 Marvin Avenue Los Angeles, California
Address	1903 Outpost Drive Hollywood, California

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/68

DOROTHY HARTIGAN, who resides at 190-05 Hillside Avenue, Hollis, Queens, New York, advised that she was associated with the New York advertising agency of Papert, Lois and Koenig, and was in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, the night Senator ROBERT F. EKENNEDY was murdered. Miss HARTIGAN advised that she was to the right of the podium at the time of the speech and after the departure of Senator KENNEDY she was moved further to the right of the podium by the crowd. She stated that on that night she observed SIRHAN B. SIRHAN while he was being taken away by the police and when she saw him she was sure that she had never seen him before and specifically not earlier in the evening at the Ambassador Hotel.

The following is a physical description of DOROTHY HARTIGAN as obtained through interview and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Boston, Massachusetts
Height	5'5"
Weight	150
Hair	Brown-reddish tinge
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	Single
Education	High school
Arrest	None.

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SA FREDERICK J. LONERGAN/nmh

by _____ Date dictated 11/21/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 12/13/68

DAVID HODGES, 235 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, (telephone 372-2832), was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

He is presently unemployed, being confined in a wheel chair as a result of an injury to his back from a car accident approximately five months ago.

HODGES, his girl friend, JANET LOWRIE, 704 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, and DEKKER and SHARON RAWLINGS, 424 35th Street, Manhattan Beach, arrived at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, at approximately 7:45 PM, June 4, 1968, after driving to that location in an automobile owned by HODGES. Shortly after arriving at the hotel, HODGES and the others met his two brothers, WILLIAM and ROBERT HODGES, and CAROL FENBURY, 2216 Strand, Manhattan Beach, a girl friend of WILLIAM HODGES. These latter individuals drove to the hotel in a vehicle owned by WILLIAM HODGES.

From approximately 7:45 until 11:45 PM HODGES and the others remained together in the Embassy Room a short distance from the entrance through which Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was expected to enter the Embassy Room. Leaving the hotel from 11:30 to 11:45 PM, HODGES and the others in his car heard about the shooting on the car radio as they were proceeding back to Manhattan Beach.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN were exhibited to HODGES. HODGES, after viewing these photographs, advised that he did not observe anyone resembling this individual at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968.

HODGES recalled that several days after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, his brother, WILLIAM HODGES, mentioned that he observed a shabbily dressed individual loitering in the Embassy Room on June 4, 1968. HODGES, however, does not recall observing anyone fitting the description of this individual observed by his brother.

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On 12/6/68 at Hermosa Beach, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA RICHARD J. RAYSA/jan/lel Date dictated 12/13/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 12/19/68

ROBERT R. HODGES, 543 - 21st Street, Hermosa Beach, California (545-5206), was interviewed at the residence of his brothers, WILLIAM HODGES, 235 - 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, and furnished the following information:

On the evening of June 4, 1968, he accompanied his brother, WILLIAM HODGES, and CAROL FENBURY, 2216 Strand, Manhattan Beach, girl friend of WILLIAM HODGES, to the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, to attend a reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. HODGES and the others arrived at the hotel between 7:30 and 7:45 P.M., and shortly thereafter met his brother DAVID HODGES, 235 - 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, JANET LOURIE, 704 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, and DEKKER and SHARON RAWLINGS, 424 - 35th Street, Manhattan Beach.

From the time that they arrived at the hotel until approximately 11:45 P.M. when they left this location, HODGES and the others remained together in the Embassy Room at a point near the entrance from which Senator KENNEDY was expected to enter the room.

HODGES was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and, after viewing these photographs, he could not recall observing anyone at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, or anywhere else prior to that date resembling this individual.

HODGES, his brother, WILLIAM HODGES, and CAROL FENBURY left the hotel at approximately 11:45 P.M. and later heard of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY on the car radio as they were proceeding back to Manhattan Beach.

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On 12/9/68 at Hermosa Beach, California File # Los Angeles 56-156
by SA RICHARD J. RAYSA/kcc Date dictated 12/16/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 9, 1968

Mary Jane Hoey, who resides at 34 East 11th Street, New York, New York, advised that she was in the rear of the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night that Senator Robert F. Kennedy was killed. She stated that she was in the rear of the ballroom near the television cameras. She stated that immediately after the speech she was making an effort to leave the ballroom when she learned of the shooting.

She stated that she later observed newsphotographs of Sirhan B. Sirhan and is sure that she has never seen him.

The following is a description of Hoey as furnished by her:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	January 21, 1935
Place of Birth	Laconia, N. H.
Height	5' 5"
Weight	105 lbs.
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Social Security No.	
Marital Status	Single
Father	Raymond Hoey, Laconia, N. H.
Mother	Helen Hoey, Laconia, N. H.
Employment	J. W. Thompson 420 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.

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by SA Frederick J. Lonergan/fc

Date dictated 12/9/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 12/18/68

Mr. GILMAN KRAFT in response to attempts to contact him personally, December 12, 1968, phoned on December 13, 1968, and advised the following:

Mr. KRAFT is associated with, "Performing Arts", a theatrical program publication, 1915 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, telephone 386-8791. He resides at 401 St. Cloud Road, Bel Air, California, telephone 467-4755.

Mr. KRAFT said at the time of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he was in the lobby outside the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles and had not observed the shooting of Senator KENNEDY or any of the immediate aftermath in the vicinity of the shooting. Mr. KRAFT first became aware that something unusual had occurred when he observed persons who appeared to be excited and distraught running into the lobby from the Embassy Room. His attention was particularly drawn to a young man who was running and who hurdled a couch. This person was a male caucasian in his early 20s, about 6'2" in height, long blond hair and fair complexion, dressed in a casual shirt and slacks. Mr. KRAFT said he had reported this observation to the Los Angeles Police Department at the time. After learning what had occurred with respect to the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, Mr. KRAFT said that he had no reason to believe that the young man who he had seen running in the lobby, described above, had anything to do with the assassination. The young man who appeared to be distraught and excited was not known to Mr. KRAFT and the latter said that he would be unable to identify this young man at this point.

Mr. KRAFT said he had no recollection of ever seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN and had never heard of him until he was charged with the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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On 12/13/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156by SA LESLIE F. WARREN/ecr Date dictated 12/18/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 12/16/68

Mrs. MURIEL LEE, 1100 South Bradshaw Street, Monterey Park, California, was interviewed at her place of business, Constitutional Rights Foundation, 609 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles.

Mrs. LEE advised that she was present at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 West Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, on the night of June 4, 1968. Mrs. LEE stated she spent some of the evening in or near the kitchen area of the hotel. She stated that she was in the Embassy Room of the hotel during Senator KENNEDY'S speech, but she left the room just prior to the end of the Senator's speech in order to get a drink of water.

Mrs. LEE advised that she was returning to the Embassy Room by way of the kitchen when she heard shots. She stated that she knew PAUL SCHRADE and she saw him fall as the shots rang out. Mrs. LEE advised that she saw a group of people taking a gun from the hand of a person later identified as SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. She stated that as SIRHAN was being escorted from the area she attempted to strike him with her purse.

Mrs. LEE advised she could positively identify SIRHAN B. SIRHAN as being the person from whom a gun was taken soon after the shots were fired.

Mrs. LEE stated she was close enough to the shooting to observe Senator KENNEDY on the floor, and she thought that the Senator was dead.

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On 12/12/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles, 56-156

by SA FREDRICK E. BECKER/dag 30 Date dictated 12/16/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/68

CAROL LEWIS, who resides at 320 East 23rd Street, New York City, advised that in June, 1968, she was in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, at the time of the murder of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She stated that at that time she was employed by the advertising agency of Papert, Lois and Koenig and with other members of the agency she heard the speech and noticed the departure of Senator KENNEDY. She stated that she was in the rear of the Embassy Ballroom to the left of the podium and had not observed SIRHAN B. SIRHAN at any time prior to when she saw him being led away by police after the murder.

The following is a physical description of CAROL LEWIS:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	New York
Height	5'5"
Weight	118
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Blonde
Marital Status	Single
Education	High school and college
Arrest	None.

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Miss LEWIS volunteered that at the time of the murder in Los Angeles she knew that some other individuals presently associated with the advertising agency were also in the ballroom of the Embassy Hotel and identified these individuals as JOAN DWORKIN and DOROTHY HARTIGAN. In addition LEWIS advised that one, BARBARA BARNETT, formerly associated with the firm was also in the ballroom at the time of the murder of SENATOR KENNEDY. LEWIS stated that she also believed that one, WILLIAM T. WILSON of CTF Incorporated, 1501 Broadway, New York City, was also in the ballroom. She stated that at the present time WILSON is in Africa and not expected to return for some period of time.

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On 11/21/68 at 777 Third Avenue, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA FREDERICK J. LONERGAN/mmh

Date dictated 11/21/68

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LARRY LINDBERG

LARRY LINDBERG, DON HO, Hilton Lagoon Apartments, Penthouse Number Two, Waikiki, Hawaii, was reportedly observed in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968.

ADRIAN LIVA, Secretary for DON HO, Honolulu, Hawaii, advised SA JAMES D. JESSEE on December 2, 1968, that there is no one connected with HO by the name of LARRY LINDBERG. She said the name is unfamiliar to her and she could offer no information concerning the individual.

A check of the Honolulu Telephone Directory and City Directory, as well as a check of credit and criminal records, were negative in the name of LINDBERG.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 12/13/68

JANET LOWRIE, 704 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, telephone 374-0680, was interviewed at this location and advised as follows:

She is a teacher, presently unemployed.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, she accompanied her boyfriend, DAVID HODGES, 235 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, to the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, to attend a reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. LOWRIE and HODGES drove to this location in the latter's automobile, also accompanied by DEKKER and SHARON RAWLINGS who live in Manhattan Beach, California.

Arriving at the hotel at approximately 7:30 p.m., LOWRIE and the others met WILLIAM HODGES and ROBERT HODGES, brothers of DAVID HODGES, and CAROL FENBURY, 2216 Strand, Manhattan Beach, the girlfriend of WILLIAM HODGES.

From 7:30 p.m. until approximately 11:45 p.m. LOWRIE remained with the above individuals at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, at a point between the television cameras and the entrance to the passage from which Senator KENNEDY was expected to enter the room. LOWRIE and the others left the hotel at approximately 11:45 p.m. and later heard about the shooting of Senator KENNEDY on the car radio as they were proceeding back to Manhattan Beach.

LOWRIE was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and, after viewing same, advised that she could recall observing no one resembling this individual at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968, or anywhere else prior to that date. LOWRIE does not recall observing anyone in the Embassy Room who was unkept in appearance.

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On 12/6/68 at Manhattan Beach, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA RICHARD J. RAYSA/jan Date dictated 12/13/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 12/12/68

GEORGE MARGOLIS, 891 Katherine Street, advised he had been associated with the Citizens for Kennedy group in Ventura County. He added on the night of June 4, 1968, he had been at the Ambassador Hotel in downtown Los Angeles, California, at the Kennedy Election Headquarters.

He said he noticed a man with a turban standing in front of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY when he was making a speech. MARGOLIS related the following people were also present at this time:

CAP HARDY, who is employed by Councilman EDLEMAN

BERNIE ISAACMAN, who had a wife working at Kennedy Headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles, California.

MARGOLIS added on or about May 28, 1968, Senator KENNEDY was at the Ventura Shopping Center in Ventura, California, and several photographs were taken of him by the Star Free Press. He indicated he was one of the persons in one of the photographs and a friend of his, JULUIS GUISE, employed by the newspaper, gave him several of the photographs he took. He claimed one of these photographs had a picture of a girl in a polka dot dress in it. He said he had given this photograph to the Los Angeles Police Department.

MARGOLIS related his wife and mother-in-law, LITA STINER, 4130 Belinda, Santa Susana, California, were also at the hotel the night of June 4, 1968, but he doubted if they could furnish any additional information.

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On 12/6/68 at Simi, California File # Los Angeles 56-156
by SA PAUL E. QUINN/cyn Date dictated 12/9/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 26, 1968

JOSEPH FRANCIS MC MAHON, 800 Monroe Street, Berwick, Pa., presently employed at the Berwick Forge and Fabricating Company, Berwick, Pa., advised he was attending St. Meinrad College in St. Meinrad, Ind., last spring and he and other students of the college became active in Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's Presidential campaign in the Indiana, Oregon and California primaries. He advised he was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif., on the evening of the assassination and heard Senator KENNEDY's talk. He advised he remained in the Embassy Room after Senator KENNEDY and his party departed and a short time later, heard a commotion toward the rear of the room and heard someone say that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He stated that due to the crowd he was unable to get back to the kitchen area and did not see what happened. He stated he did get back to the area sometime later and saw the person believed to be SIRHAN SIRHAN being escorted away. MC MAHON advised he observed nothing during the time he was at the Ambassador Hotel which he thought might have any relation to the assassination. He advised the only person he can recall by name who was in the Embassy Room on that evening was CHARLES WHITE, a student at St. Meinrad College, who lives in Charleston, South Carolina. He stated he believes WHITE is still attending St. Meinrad College.

On 12/16/68 at Berwick, Pa. 47 File # Philadelphia 62-4929
by SA DELMAR H. MAYFIELD, JR.
SA PHILIP M. MORRIS PMM/pms Date dictated 12/17/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11/26/68

Date

RAY O'CONNELL, President, Ray O'Connell Associates,
15 West 44th Street, New York, New York furnished the
following information:

At the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT
KENNEDY in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California
he was in the area of the Television Cameras and did
not observe the shooting. Prior to the shooting he had
not observed SIRHAN SIRHAN in the hotel. After the
shooting he observed the Police removing SIRHAN SIRHAN
from the hotel.

On 11/25/68 at Telephonically 48
New York City File# NY 44-1640

by SA O. EUGENE SMITH Date dictated 11/26/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 12/13/68

DEKKER RAWLINGS, 424 35th Street, Manhattan Beach, California (545-6462), was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

He is employed as a sales representative for Western Airlines, Inc., 1901 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, California (277-3037).

On the evening of June 4, 1968, he and his wife, SHARON RAWLINGS, accompanied DAVID HODGES, 235 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, California, and the latter's girl friend, JANET LOWRIE, 704 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California, to the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, to attend a reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Riding in DAVID HODGES' automobile, they arrived at this location at approximately 7:30 p.m. Shortly after arriving at the hotel, they met ROBERT HODGES and WILLIAM HODGES, brothers of DAVID HODGES, and CAROL FENBURY, 2216 Strand, Manhattan Beach, who arrived at the hotel in a vehicle driven by WILLIAM HODGES.

From approximately 7:30 p.m., until approximately 11:45 p.m., RAWLINGS and the others remained together in the Embassy Room at a point between the television cameras and the entrance to the corridor through which Senator KENNEDY was expected to enter the Embassy Room.

RAWLINGS and the others left the hotel at approximately 11:45 p.m., before the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. RAWLINGS later heard about the shooting on the car radio.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN were exhibited to RAWLINGS and after viewing these photographs RAWLINGS advised that he did not observe anyone resembling this individual at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968, or prior to that date.

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On 12/5/68 at Manhattan Beach, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA RICHARD J. RAYSA/kaf Date dictated 12/11/68

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RAWLINGS recalled that on the day after the KENNEDY shooting, WILLIAM HODGES informed him that he observed an unkempt person in the Embassy Room of the hotel who appeared "out of place" because of his casual attire. RAWLINGS did not see this individual and does not believe that HODGES was able to identify him as being identical to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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Date 12/13/68

SHARON RAWLINGS, 424 35th Street, Manhattan Beach, California (545-6462), was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

She and her husband, DEKKER RAWLINGS, arrived at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, at approximately 7:30 p.m., on June 4, 1968. They traveled to this location in an automobile driven by DAVID HODGES, 235 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, California, and were accompanied by JANET LOWRIE, 704 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California, who is the girl friend of DAVID HODGES. Shortly after arriving at this location, RAWLINGS and the others met WILLIAM and ROBERT HODGES, brothers of DAVID HODGES, and CAROL FENBURY, girl friend of WILLIAM HODGES.

From approximately 7:30 p.m. to approximately 11:30 p.m., she and the others remained together in the Embassy Room of the hotel, a short distance from the entrance to the corridor through which Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was expected to enter the Embassy Room.

At approximately 11:30 p.m., before the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, she and the others left the hotel and drove back to Manhattan Beach.

RAWLINGS was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and after viewing these photographs advised that she could not recall observing any one resembling this individual at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968.

RAWLINGS was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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by SA RICHARD J. RAYSA/kaf Date dictated 12/11/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/68

MARY REISS, who resides at 2055 Center Avenue, Fort Lee, New Jersey, advised that she was associated with the advertising agency of Papert, Lois and Koenig in June, 1968, and was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was murdered. REISS stated that she was near the exit door that Senator KENNEDY took when he departed from the Embassy Ballroom. She stated that she heard shots and then was moved away from the area by the crowd. REISS stated that she observed SIRHAN B. SIRHAN being taken away later that evening by the police and that she was sure she had not observed him before that time.

The following is a physical description of MARY REISS as obtained through interview and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	New York City
Height	5'4"
Weight	135
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Single
Education	High school and six months of college.
Arrest	None.

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On 11/21/68 at 777 Third Avenue, New York File # NY 44-1640
 by SA FREDERICK J. LONERGAN/mmh Date dictated 11/21/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 12/16/68

Miss MAIDA "MUFF" SINGER, 1400 North Sweetzer, Los Angeles, California, advised that she was present at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 West Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, during the night of June 4, 1968.

Miss SINGER advised that she had worked for the Kennedy campaign and she was working at the celebration at the hotel. Miss SINGER stated that she learned of the shooting from other members of the Kennedy party. She stated that she did not see the Senator again after he left the stage following his victory speech.

Miss SINGER advised that there was no security at the hotel and anyone could come and go anywhere in the hotel without having to show any pass or identification.

Miss SINGER stated that she has never seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in person, although she has seen his picture in the newspapers.

Miss SINGER stated she had no information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 12/16/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA FREDRICK E. BECKER/dag ^{XO} Date dictated 12/16/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/68

SHELLEY TANKEL, who resides at 1480 Thieriot Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised that he was associated with the advertising agency of Papert, Lois and Koenig of New York City, and as such he was present in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, in June, 1968, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was murdered. TANKEL advised that he was to the front of the podium during the course of the speech and immediately after Senator KENNEDY left the room he proceeded further to the right of the podium and was at that spot at the time of the murder. TANKEL stated that he was in the ball room for a considerable amount of time that day but had not observed SIRHAN B. SIRHAN at any time before he observed him being led away by the police after the murder.

The following is a physical description of SHELLEY TANKEL:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania
Height	5'4"
Weight	160
Hair	Brown-balding
Eyes	Green
Education	College graduate
Marital Status	Single
Arrest	None.

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On 11/21/68 at 777 Third Avenue, New York File # NY 44-1640

SA FREDERICK J. LONERGAN/mmh

by _____ Date dictated 11/21/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 29, 1968

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On November 27, 1968, KATHY TAYLOR, 26 S.E. 71st Street, Portland, Oregon, stated that she was with the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign as a "Kennedy Girl," and is now employed by Meier and Frank Company in Portland.

She said she joined the campaign in April of 1968, when the Senator came to Oregon with his campaign, and almost constant companion with her during the campaign was CECI DOUCET, Martha Washington Apartments, 1802 S.W. 10th, Portland, Oregon. She and CECI remained with the campaign until the day after Senator KENNEDY was assassinated, they then returned to Portland, Oregon.

She said she did not know SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and did not see him at the hotel on the night of June 4, 1968. She was not aware of a conspiracy upon the life of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and has not heard of one since the assassination took place.

She said the afternoon before the assassination she was filling balloons with helium in the Embassy Room of the hotel, and placing them around the speaker's podium in preparation for the speech that night. It was during this time that she had occasion to notice any strange activity at all. She said a dark skinned man, not SIRHAN, who was about 5'7" tall, stocky build, dark brown hair, wearing a white hat similar to a chef's hat, and a white waiter's style coat, made several trips into the Embassy Room. She felt this man was employed by the hotel. This man did not say a word while in the room even though she spoke a greeting to him on at least two occasions. Since he did not return her greeting she assumed that he did not speak English. She saw this man only in the afternoon and could not furnish a better description. The man seemed very inquisitive during his trips into the room even though he did not speak.

She said she was in the Embassy Room when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot in the corridor outside. When

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On 11/27/68 at Portland, Oregon File # PD 62-2864

by SA ROBERT O. WHITE:dav Date dictated 11/29/68

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she heard the shots she first felt they were the balloons popping, and thought very little of it. She fainted when she heard that the Senator had been shot. She heard no talk of conspiracy before or after the shooting.

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INTERVIEWS OF INDIVIDUALS
REGISTERED AS GUESTS AT AMBASSADOR
HOTEL DURING PERIOD JUNE 4-5, 1968

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Records of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, indicated that on June 4, 1968, the following individual was a registered guest:

JOHN EWART AKASS



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

November 5, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF UNITED STATES
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA, JUNE 5, 1968

On October 25, 1968 Detective Sergeant MAURICE WENHAM, New Scotland Yard, London, interviewed JOHN EWART AKASS, born [redacted] a representative of "The Sun" Newspaper, London. PII

Mr. AKASS advised he was at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the shooting but was only aware of the commotion following the shooting. He did not see the gunman, hear the shots or see Senator KENNEDY after the shooting.

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Records of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, indicated that the following individuals were guests on June 5, 1968, at the time when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated:

M. AOYAMA
Ace International Company
33-1, 2-chome, Nishi-Shinbashi, Minato-ku
Tokyo, Japan

H. HIRANO
Ace International Company
33-1, 2-chome, Minato-ku
Tokyo, Japan

T. MORINAGA
Ace International Tool Company
33-1, 2-chome, Minato-ku
Tokyo, Japan



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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Washington, D. C.
November 22, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF UNITED STATES
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA, JUNE 5, 1968

The following individuals were guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 5, 1968, at the time when Senator Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated:

M. AOYAMA
Ace International Co.
33-1, 2-chome, Nishi-Shinbashi, Minato-ku
Tokyo, Japan

H. HIRANO
Ace International Co.
33-1, 2-chome, Minato-ku
Tokyo, Japan

T. MORINAGA
Ace International Tool Co.
33-1, 2-chome, Minato-ku
Tokyo, Japan

It is noted that the Mr. AOYAMA interviewed subsequently has the first name of AKIRA, but since he is obviously the individual referred to above as M. AOYAMA, apparently there was a mistake made by the individual registering him at the hotel initially.

A United States intelligence agency which conducts investigations abroad advised that on October 10, 1968, AKIRA AOYAMA, Chief, Planning Division, Misshin Hodo KK, #3, 2-chome, Nihonbashi-Kaomi-cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan, was interviewed and stated that he, along with MORINAGA and HIRANO, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, at approximately 2340 hours on June 4, 1968. They checked in at the front desk and went directly to their separate rooms. He (AOYAMA) stayed in his room for only a few minutes and went to HIRANO's room where the three (HIRANO, MORINAGA and AOYAMA)

met to discuss their plans for the following day. After that discussion, interviewee returned to his room where he stayed for a few minutes, then went downstairs to the lobby. There he found everything in a state of confusion. He did not understand what was taking place because he did not understand English. The next day Mr. MORINAGA, who understands English, told him what had happened, and said that he (MORINAGA) had watched television in his room after the aforementioned meeting had been completed and the others had departed.

AOYAMA was unable to provide any information regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. AOYAMA denied that he had ever seen SIRHAN and said he knew nothing about him. AOYAMA advised that Mr. HIRANO recently had an eye operation and was recovering in the Hagiwara Hospital, Tokyo, Japan.

The source advised that on October 14, 1968, HIROSHI HIRANO, Vice President, Nisshin Hodo KK, was interviewed and related substantially the same information as that provided by AOYAMA. HIRANO said he did not know SIRHAN and denied that he had ever seen him. He was unable to provide any information pertinent to the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The source advised that on October 24, 1968, TAMETAKA MORINAGA, Chief, President's Office Staff, Nisshin-seito KK, was interviewed and related substantially the same information as that provided by AOYAMA and HIRANO. He said that he did not know SIRHAN and denied that he had ever seen him. MORINAGA was unable to provide any information pertinent to the assassination of Senator Kennedy.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 2, 1968

Mrs. Pearl Baggs, 1114 East 34th Street, Brooklyn, New York, stated that in June, 1968 she was on a train tour of the West and that on the night of June 4-5, 1968 she was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. Her room was in a cottage in back of the hotel.

On the night of the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy, Mrs. Baggs went to bed prior to the shooting and knew nothing of it until the next morning when she went to breakfast.

Mrs. Baggs does not know Sirhan Sirhan.

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On 12/2/68 at Brooklyn, New York (telephonically) NY 44-1640

by SA Francis L. Cashin/fc Date dictated 12/2/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/7/68

CHARLES BALLARD, American Airlines, 36 Book Tower Building, Detroit, Michigan, advised that he was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California on June 4, 1968 but has no information regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. He advised that he does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN, did not see him and has no information concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 10/2/68 at Detroit, Michigan File # Detroit 62-4177
by SA(A) CLYDE B. LAUER/gam Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/15/68

STEWART BLOCK was interviewed at his office at United Methodist Church, 100 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C., concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and stated the following information:

He was present in the Embassy Ballroom June 5, 1968, at the time of KENNEDY'S assassination, in connection with the United Methodist Church's Vietnam Education Project. Standing in the anteroom watching the television monitor, he heard three gun shots which sounded like breaking glass. Soon after hearing the shots he was approached by a heavy-set, middle-aged male who told him that KENNEDY had been shot. BLOCK thought this was peculiar since the man appeared to be calm and had a smile on his face, while others in the ballroom were confused or hysterical. The man quickly departed the ballroom through the back door which led into a lot containing television equipment. He described the heavy-set man as follows:

Race:	White
Age:	Early 30's
Height:	5 feet 9 inches to 5 feet 10 inches
Weight:	210 to 225
Build:	Stout-heavy
Hair:	Curly; sand brown
Dress:	Open collar brown plaid shirt
	not entirely stuffed into his
	trousers
Employment:	Appeared to be blue collar worker

It was opined that the above individual could have had time to personally witness the assassination before confronting BLOCK with the news.

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On 10/14/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 172-135
 by SA's LEN. S. BURTON and
MICHAEL H. CONNER ISB:can Date dictated 10/14/68

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He furnished no information concerning a conspiracy to assassinate Senator KENNEDY, and did not know or see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN on or about the hotel prior to the assassination.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/21/68

Dr. PHILLIP D. BONNET, Professor in the School of Hygiene and Health, Johns Hopkins University (JHU), Baltimore, Maryland, advised that on June 4, 1968 at approximately 8:30 P.M., Los Angeles time, he registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He stated that this reservation was made by the American College of Hospital Administration, San Francisco, California and that he had gone to Los Angeles to attend a seminar on a hospital administration which began on June 3, 1968 and continued through June 6, 1968. Upon arrival at the Ambassador Hotel, he discovered that in addition to the seminar on hospital administration there were several other conventions and political meetings being held.

After checking into the hotel, Dr. BONNET had his dinner in the hotel and went to his room where he retired at approximately 10:30 P.M. Around 12:30 or 1 A.M. on June 5, 1968 he was awakened by someone knocking at his door and upon checking, found out that it was someone who had the wrong room. He stated that he then went back to sleep and when he awakened the next morning, he heard over his television that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had been assassinated in the hotel. He stated that he did not see Senator KENNEDY upon his arrival at the hotel and upon viewing the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN he stated that he did not see anyone who resembled this picture.

Dr. BONNET stated that he has no information regarding the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and that it was quite a shock to him when he heard of it on the morning of June 5, 1968. He further stated that he had no information concerning any possible conspiracy in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 11/20/68 at Baltimore, Maryland File # BA 44-684

by SA ARTHUR S. BENNETT:jtk Date dictated 11/21/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/7/68

A. K. BOUGHNER, Ford Motor Company, Auto Lite Division, Dearborn, Michigan, advised that he was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California on June 4, 1968 but has no information regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. He said that he does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN, did not see him and has no information concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 10/2/68 at Dearborn, Michigan File # Detroit 62-4177
by SA(A) CLYDE B. LAUER/gam Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 18, 19681

ROBERT BRADFORD, 8047 South Constance, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he and his family were in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4, 1968.

BRADFORD advised that he and his wife were in the Embassy Room when Senator KENNEDY held his victory rally. He advised that after Senator KENNEDY had made his comments, he left the room, at which time shortly thereafter, he heard a commotion in the direction that KENNEDY had left. Mr. BRADFORD advised he did not realize what had happened until people began coming back into the room from the kitchen area screaming that the Senator had been shot.

BRADFORD advised that he had not seen SIRHAN SIRHAN in the hotel at any time. He advised he had heard nothing regarding a conspiracy to kill the Senator while in the hotel. BRADFORD advised that he and his family had come to California on a vacation, and this was his first time in the State.

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On 11/13/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA NELSON E. BOSE/rmk Date dictated 11/14/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/17/68

HENRY BRANDON, Correspondent London Sunday Times, 1523 L Street, N. W., furnished the following information:

Mr. BRANDON accompanied Senator KENNEDY in his campaign in Oregon and California. However, he left California on the Sunday prior to the assassination and flew back to Washington, D. C. Therefore, he was not in Los Angeles at the time of the assassination.

BRANDON remembered seeing no one resembling a picture of SIRHAN during the campaign.

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On 10/11/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA JOHN L. PATTERSON:mam Date dictated 10/11/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/7/68

Miss FRANCES BURNSIDE, 460 East Breckenridge, Ferndale, Michigan, advised that she was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California on June 4, 1968 but has no information regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. She advised that she does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN, did not see him and has no information concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 10/2/68 at Ferndale, Michigan File # Detroit 62-4177
by SA(A) CLYDE B. LAUER/gam Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/4/681

Mr. ROBERT J. BUSH, also known as Bob Bush, 2900 Colanthe, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised he is the head cashier at the Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, on the 7:30 PM to 4:00 AM shift.

Mr. BUSH said he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968. He said at the time ROBERT KENNEDY was shot, he, BUSH, was in his room at the hotel. He said SIRHAN SIRHAN is unknown to him and he has no information concerning a possible conspiracy in this matter. He said he did not see SIRHAN in the hotel on June 4, 1968, to his knowledge.

Mr. BUSH said he had previously discussed this matter with a representative from the Los Angeles Police Department. He was unable to recall the name of the individual from that department who contacted him.

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On 12/4/68 at Las Vegas, Nevada File # LV 62-610
LA 56-156
by SA DONALD M. HOLLAND /jmc Date dictated 12/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/4/68

JAMES E. CHAPMAN, interviewed at International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), 11 South Broadway, White Plains, New York, advised that he is employed by this company as an Airlines Program Administrator and resides at 43 Old Wagon Road, Wilton, Connecticut. He furnished the information set forth below.

He was in Los Angeles, California, on IBM company business in June, 1968, and stayed at the Ambassador Hotel. When returning to the hotel by car after midnight, June 5, 1968, via Wilshire Boulevard, he was stopped by police of the Los Angeles Police Department as he drove into the hotel parking lot. While he was waiting to enter the parking lot, an ambulance left, and he later learned that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot and was being taken to the hospital in that ambulance. This was his first knowledge of the shooting. He observed nothing unusual on his way back to the hotel or in the vicinity of the hotel before or after the shooting.

He never heard the name, SIRHAN SIRHAN, until it was mentioned by news media after the shooting as the name of the person suspected of shooting Senator KENNEDY.

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On 12/4/68 at White Plains, New York File# NY 44-1640

by SAA FRANCIS P. GREALY/fg Date dictated 12/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 10, 1968

Mrs. IRVING CHERRY, 729 Sheridan Road, advised she was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4-5, 1968. She stated she was in her room all evening and did not attend any functions that evening at the hotel. She stated she was with her sister, Mrs. NORMAN YERETSKY, Hinsdale, Illinois, and PHYLISS MYERS, Sunnyvale, California.

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On 10/2/68 at Evanston, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA GIRARD M. ANHINO:pmh Date dictated 10/7/68

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Records of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, indicated that on June 4, 1968, the following individual was a registered guest:

P. A. CLEVA

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Mrs. C. CLEVA, 10 Avenue Georges Mandel, Paris 16, France, advised on January 12, 1969, that P. A. CLEVA was her son.

P. A. CLEVA advised on January 12, 1969, that he and his wife had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4-5, 1968. CLEVA further advised that both he and his wife were not at the Ambassador Hotel at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. He stated that he and his wife had returned to the hotel some 15 to 20 minutes after the shooting had occurred. CLEVA further stated that neither he nor his wife had any information of value to furnish regarding the assassination.

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Date November 22, 1968

RICHARD ALLEN COHEN advised that he resides with his family at #3 Oak Park Court in Creve Coeur, St. Louis County, Missouri. He is a 19 year old white, male, and a junior student at the Washington University in St. Louis.

Mr. COHEN recalled his activities on June 4 and June 5, 1968, while in Los Angeles, California. He had accompanied his sister-in-law to San Diego, California, for the purpose of visiting his brother, who is in the military service and who was stationed there. Upon arriving at San Diego, California, on June 4, 1968, he decided to go on to Los Angeles because he had learned that former Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was going to make a speech there. COHEN had previously been active in campaigning for Mr. KENNEDY in St. Louis. He arrived at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, and registered for a room there at about 8:00 a.m. He remained at the hotel until 6:00 a.m. on June 5, 1968, when he returned to San Diego, California, by air and continued his visit with his brother and sister-in-law until June 10, 1968, when he returned to St. Louis, Missouri. He had remained at the Ambassador Hotel alone and his decision to go to Los Angeles had not been the result of any pre-arranged plan. Upon arriving in Los Angeles he contacted the headquarters of Senator KENNEDY and volunteered to work campaigning or doing anything else that he could assist in. He was given assignments to work in the Los Angeles community campaigning for KENNEDY which he did until about 1:00 on June 4, 1968. Thereafter, he reported to the Ambassador Hotel where he assisted in arranging and decorating two ballrooms at which Mr. KENNEDY was to appear. The main ballroom was located on the second floor of the hotel which also houses the main hotel lobby. A second ballroom was located on the next lower floor. During the course of the afternoon Mr. COHEN had several occasions to go into the kitchen area adjoining the ballroom for the purpose of obtaining streamers and other supplies. On these occasions he has a recollection of having seen a number of the hotel employees, who he described as "Italian-Americans" and whom he believed to be kitchen help, waiters and busboys.

COHEN has no reason to believe that any of these individuals were SIRHAN SIRHAN. He does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN

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On 11/21/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-782
by SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON SJP/lep Date dictated 11/22/68

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and had never heard of him prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. He has no reason to believe that SIRHAN SIRHAN may have been in the kitchen or ballroom area any time during the afternoon of June 4, 1968.

After completing the arrangements and decorating of the ballroom COHEN returned to his room where he freshened up and went to the coffee shop in the hotel and had his dinner. Thereafter, he returned to the second floor ballroom at about 7:00 p.m. and waited there until Mr. KENNEDY appeared and made his speech. He recalled seeing Senator KENNEDY leave the ballroom by exiting through a door at the back of the stage area. Having worked in the ballroom during the afternoon COHEN realized that this door would probably lead through a rear exit way and down to the ballroom one flight below where Mr. KENNEDY was supposed to appear and speak to the young people and students who were working for him. Immediately after Mr. KENNEDY left the room Mr. COHEN along with the crowd exited from the ballroom through the main door into the lobby and just as he stepped through the door two men rushed out of a double swinging door to his left leading into the kitchen area and shouted "no one is allowed in here, no one is allowed in here." They immediately took positions guarding the doors to keep anyone from entering. Mr. COHEN thought nothing about this except that he believed that Mr. KENNEDY was passing through that area of the hotel and did not want to be delayed by a crowd of people rushing in there. COHEN proceeded down the steps to the first floor ballroom and just about the time he reached the foot of the steps he heard tremendous screaming and commotion on the floor above and immediately returned to the area of the main ballroom. Upon arriving back to this area he observed considerable confusion and heard some people say that Mr. KENNEDY had been shot. He does not recall who said this to him but it was a general discussion going about through the crowd. He remained in the main lobby outside the ballroom for a short while, he does not recall how long, and realizing that there was nothing that he could do he returned to his room in the hotel. He was accompanied to the room by four young ladies and their chaperone who had been working in connection with Senator KENNEDY's campaign. The chaperone had asked COHEN if the girls could stay at his room. They were as far as he knows local residents of the Los Angeles area and were not guests at the hotel.

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COHEN related that he remained in his room until about 2:00 a.m. on June 5, 1968, and by this time some of the girls who were quite tired were becoming hysterical and the chamberone asked Mr. COHEN if he would mind turning over his room to them which he did. He then went to the lobby of the hotel where he remained until 6:00 a.m. when he checked out of the hotel, took a cab to the airport and returned to San Diego, California.

Mr. COHEN stated that at no time while he was at the hotel did he ever see SIRHAN SIRHAN in the coffeeshop, corridors, in the lobby of the hotel, or in the ballrooms. He stated that he had no information concerning this individual and has no reason to believe that SIRHAN SIRHAN was part of a conspiracy to assassinate Senator KENNEDY.

Date 11/26/681

Mrs. LESTER H. CRAVENS was contacted at her residence, 4335 North Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri. At that time, Mrs. CRAVENS advised her mother, Mrs. SIDNEY V. GLOVER, who is a widow, is residing with her. During the summer of 1968, she and her mother took a two-week vacation to California and stated that while in the Los Angeles, California, area they stayed at the Ambassador Hotel. She recalled that while staying at the Ambassador Hotel, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was allegedly shot by SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in this hotel while they were guests of this hotel. She has seen several photographs in the news media of Mr. SIRHAN, but she does not recall ever seeing anyone resembling this individual in the hotel. She also stated that she was never in the area of the Ambassador Hotel where Mr. KENNEDY allegedly was shot.

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On 11/20/68 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 62-8651
LA 56-156
by SA JAMES R. GRAHAM, JR.:rmb Date dictated 11/20/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/15/68

CHARLES U. DALY, 1220 East 56th Street, Chicago, Vice-President for Division of Public Affairs, University of Chicago, 5801 Ellis, was contacted at the University of Chicago.

DALY advised he had previously been contacted by the Los Angeles Police Department as he had been in the hall behind the Podium of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, when Senator Kennedy was shot on June 5, 1968.

DALY advised he had not seen SIRHAN SIRHAN in or around the Hotel prior to the shooting. He stated he had heard nothing specific regarding a conspiracy on the Senator's life.

DALY stated he and his wife had spent a great deal of their time answering phones in the temporary press room, located off the kitchen. DALY stated he has furnished to the Los Angeles Police Department information regarding his observations, identities of persons present, etc. He stated his wife would be unable to furnish any additional information.

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On 10/14/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA NELSON E. BOSE:kmb

Date dictated 10/14/68

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CHARLES DALY

CHARLES DALY was interviewed by representatives of the Los Angeles Police Department on August 20, 1968. Following are results of this interview:

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INTERVIEWS

PERSON INTERVIEWED: DALEY, Charles DATE/TIME 8-20-68 10 AM
SEX M RACE C HAIR Brn EYES Brn HT 5-10 WT 160 DOB PII

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 1222 E. 56th St., Chicago, Illinois PHONE (312) 643-1752

BUSINESS ADDRESS Univ. of Chicago PHONE (312) 643-6262

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

Charles DALEY was contacted by telephone. Charles was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel arriving on 6-4-68. Charles was with his wife (Mary Daley already interviewed). Charles went to the Embassy Room at 8 PM. At the time Kennedy was shot, Charles was in the hallway behind the stage that runs between the anteroom & the kitchen. After Kennedy had been shot, Charles ran into the kitchen and knelt down beside Kennedy. Charles did not have an opportunity to observe Sirhan while in the kitchen area. Charles did not observe Sirhan at anytime at the Ambassador Hotel on 6-4-68. Charles has not been contacted by the FBI or any newspaper regarding Kennedy's death. Charles stated he would compile a list of people he saw at the Ambassador and forward them to LAPD.

Charles DALEY is the director of Public Affairs at the University of Chicago. Charles was contacted at 408 724-5582, but stated he was leaving that location on 8-20-68 and can then be contacted at the Chicago address.

kw/8-22-68

INVESTIGATORS MAKING INTERVIEW:
R. Risen #11663

APPROVED BY:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/18/68

Dr. JAMES L. DENNIS, Dean of Medical Services, University of Oklahoma Medical School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised he attended a seminar on hospital administration held at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, June 3-6, 1968. He was a guest speaker at the seminar and upon checking into the hotel became aware for the first time that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was at the hotel in connection with his campaign for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States. He stated he became aware due to the large number of people, mostly youth, in the lobby of the Hotel when he checked in. Dr. DENNIS said after dinner on the evening of June 4, 1968, he went to the lobby to watch the enthusiastic activities of those connected with Senator KENNEDY's camp. About 11 PM he retired to his room and turned on the television to watch the results of the primary voting in California and there, for the first time, learned that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

The next day they were informed that they would not be permitted to leave the hotel until information had been obtained from them by the Los Angeles Police Department. Since the seminar was continuing, this necessitated no change in his plans, and a day or two later when the seminar was over, he checked out of the hotel, leaving his forwarding address.

During the time he was in the hotel, Dr. DENNIS said he did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and had no previous acquaintance with him. He said he had absolutely no information of any sort of any possible conspiracy in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, and had no more connection with the tragic event than he would have had, had he been home in Oklahoma watching the proceedings on television.

He stated he had no further information concerning the event.

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On 12/9/68 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 89-64

by SA DONALD H. SLOAT:pwm Date dictated 12/12/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/25/68

Mrs. SAM DIEMER, 815 Walnut Street, Fairmont, W. Va., advised that it is possible that she and her husband were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, however, she and her husband did not arrive at that hotel on that date.

Mrs. DIEMER explained that she and her husband were on a tour conducted by the Berry Tour Service, which originated in Chicago, Illinois, approximately a week prior to that date. They departed Chicago via train and visited a number of places en route to San Francisco, California, where they arrived on June 1, 1968. While en route across to Arizona, some difficulty arose in the air conditioning system which allowed a considerable amount of dust to enter the train. Mr. DIEMER is an asthmatic and this affected him considerably. He required the attention of a doctor while on the train and was attended by a physician for the three days that he was in a hotel in San Francisco. Because of his condition, the remainder of the tour was cancelled and Mrs. DIEMER advised that she and her husband departed from San Francisco, California, on June 3, 1968, flying to Pittsburgh, Pa., and then returned to their home in Fairmont, W. Va.

Mrs. DIEMER advised that she and her husband knew nothing about the happenings at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968, except what they have read in the newspapers and heard on television.

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On 11/15/68 at Fairmont, W. Va. File # Los Angeles 56-156
Pittsburgh 44-583
by SA EUGENE C. JONES /psa Date dictated 11/18/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 26, 1968

Mr. Richard Evans, reporter, London Evening News, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York stated that he was in New York, New York at the time Senator Robert Kennedy was shot on June 5, 1968. Evans stated that he did go to Los Angeles, California on June 5, 1968 but he arrived there about ten hours after the shooting.

On 11/26/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA William J. Roemer/fc Date dictated 11/26/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/17/68

ROWLAND EVANS, Syndicated Columnist, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., furnished the following information:

EVANS was in Portland, Oregon, at the time of Senator KENNEDY's assassination, and flew to Los Angeles the next day. EVANS observed part of the campaign in California and observed none of the campaign in Oregon.

EVANS remembered seeing no one resembling the picture of SIRHAN in California.

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On 10/11/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA JOHN L. PATTERSON:mam Date dictated 10/11/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

11/26/68

Date

TOM FARRELL, Attorney, 575 Madison Avenue,
New York City furnished the following information:

At the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY he was staying at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. Approximately 30 minutes prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY he returned to his room to take a nap. About 30 minutes after the shooting he awakened and turned on television at which time he found out that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He has no knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN being in the hotel prior to the shooting.

On 11/21/68 at New York City 86 File# NY 44-1640

by SA O. EUGENE SMITH Date dictated 11/26/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/7/68

JOHN FRIEND, Alladin Hotel, 5559 West 63rd, Chicago, advised he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4, 1968.

FRIEND advised he was part of a tour that stayed at the hotel for three nights. He stated the evening of June 4, 1968, the tour returned to the hotel late and he ate dinner in a restaurant in the lobby. FRIEND stated the lobby was very crowded with people and he returned to his room and retired.

FRIEND advised he learned of Senator KENNEDY's situation the next morning.

He advised he had not seen SIRHAN SIRHAN in the hotel at anytime. He advised he had heard nothing regarding a conspiracy involving Senator KENNEDY.

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On 11/6/68 at CHICAGO, ILLINOIS File # CG 89-61
by SA NELSON E. ROSE/mbw Date dictated 11/6/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/22/68

Mr. JOSEPH GAVAN, 789 Astor Avenue, Bronx, New York, 10467, advised telephonically that he was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, when ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot and killed. Mr. GAVAN said that he has no information regarding the killing and that he does not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and has never seen him. Mr. GAVAN said that his wife was with him and she also is unable to furnish any information.

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On 11/18/68 at (telephonically) New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by HERBERT W. KILGORE (A):hk Date dictated 11/22/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 11/7/68

Mr. FRANCIS J. GILLAN, Teller, State Treasurer's Office, State Office Building, Boston, Massachusetts, with residence at 100 South Florence Street, South Attleboro, Massachusetts, furnished the following information:

GILLAN stated that on June 5, 1968, he was in Los Angeles and attended a victory rally in the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. He stated that he did not witness the killing of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and to the best of his knowledge did not see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in the vicinity of the Embassy Ballroom prior to the shooting.

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On 11/4/68 at Attleboro, Massachusetts File # Boston 46-646

by SA DONALD B. PALMER/gb Date dictated 11/6/68

Date 11/26/681

Mrs. SIDNEY V. GLOVER was contacted at her daughter's residence, Mrs. LESTER H. CRAVENS, 4335 North Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, where she is presently residing.

According to Mrs. GLOVER, she and her daughter, Mrs. DOROTHY CRAVENS, took a two-week vacation during the summer of 1968. This vacation was in the Los Angeles, California, area, and she stated that they traveled to and from the Los Angeles area by train. She did not recall the exact dates they stayed at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, but advised they were there the day before and at least the day following the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY which occurred in this hotel.

Mrs. GLOVER advised she read several reports concerning the death of Senator KENNEDY, and she also has seen several photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, who has been charged with the shooting of Mr. KENNEDY. She advised she does not recall ever actually seeing Mr. SIRHAN or anyone resembling him in the Ambassador Hotel nor was she ever in the area of this hotel where Mr. KENNEDY was shot.

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On 11/20/68 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 62-8651
LA 56-156
by SA JAMES R. GRAHAM, JR.:rmb Date dictated 11/20/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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November 29, 1968

Date

ATTILIO GRANITO, 60 Edgewood Street, Tenafly, New Jersey, furnished the following information:

He and his wife were registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, from June 3 through June 6, 1968. They were returning to this hotel just after ROBERT KENNEDY was shot. They saw people running out of the hotel and shouting that KENNEDY had been shot. He saw a Sheriff come out of the front entrance and he had who appeared to be SIRHAN in a hammerlock. Other Sheriff's officers were carrying rifles. A group of people were gathered around and some were shouting, "Let's get him," meaning SIRHAN. Some persons knocked down the Sheriff holding SIRHAN and he landed at GRANITO's feet. The Sheriff's men then pushed SIRHAN into a car and drove off. GRANITO advised that he knows of no information involving a possible conspiracy and does not know SIRHAN.

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On 11/26/68 at Tenafly, New Jersey File # Newark 44-372

by SA RICHARD L. BIGLER /eag Date dictated 11/29/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/19/68

JERRY GREENE, reporter, New York Daily News, furnished the following information:

GREENE covered the California primary for the New York Daily News. He covered both the KENNEDY and MC CARTHY campaigns. While in California, GREENE stayed in a room at the Ambassador Hotel. The night of KENNEDY's assassination, GREENE was at the NBC studios at Burbank, California. He was dictating to his New York Office at the actual moment of the assassination.

GREENE does not remember ever having seen SIRHAN at the Ambassador Hotel or at any time during the campaign. He could furnish no other information regarding the assassination.

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On 11/15/68 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA JOHN L. PATTERSON:blj Date dictated 11/18/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/2/68

MICHAEL HARRINGTON, LEAGUE for INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY, 112 East 19 Street, New York, New York advised that he had been in Los Angeles, California working for Senator Robert F. Kennedy prior to the murder of the Senator.

He stated he had left Los Angeles on or about May 31, 1968 and was in New York City at the time of the shooting.

He said he did not know nor had he ever heard of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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On 12/2/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA WILLIAM J. ROEMER /wjr Date dictated 12/2/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 15, 1968

Miss GRACE JORDAN, 1583 Wadsworth Street, Wheaton, Illinois, employed by Arnold Johnson Associates, Chicago, Illinois, advised that it is necessary for her to do considerable traveling in her work and on June 4, 1968, she was registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, and had a room on the 2nd floor, the number of which she can not recall.

She advised that approximately 11:15, on June 4, she returned to her room, watched television for a short time, and fell asleep. Early in the morning on June 5, 1968, Miss JORDAN heard considerable commotion in the hotel; however, she thought it was just celebrating and went back to sleep since the hotel had been quite noisy and full of activity all night.

She did not learn of the shooting of ROBERT KENNEDY until she arose the next morning.

She never saw SIRHAN and she was unable to furnish any information concerning the shooting or the circumstances surrounding it.

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On 10/10/68 at Wheaton, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA ROBERT C. ROBINSON/prk Date dictated 10/12/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date December 4, 1968

On November 27, 1968, Mr. MAX KELLY, 140 Ensenda Drive, Carpentersville, Illinois, advised he was formerly employed by CBS news as a film editor until April, 1968, when he retired on a pension due to multiple sclerosis.

He stated he has never stayed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. The only coverage of ROBERT KENNEDY he was ever involved in was when KENNEDY made a trip to Mexico.

At the time the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY took place, KELLY stated he was in his wheelchair at the above residence.

He could furnish no additional information regarding this matter.

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On 11/27/68 at Carpentersville, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA LEROY D. FEDERLE/iec Date dictated 11/29/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date November 5, 1968

DAVID KINZER, Illinois Hospital Association, 820 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, advised he was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, the night of June 4, 1968. He advised in the early evening he had rented a car and visited friends in suburban Los Angeles and returned to the hotel around 10:30 p.m. He stated there was a large crowd in the lobby, and he was unable to enter the Embassy Room, where Senator KENNEDY was to appear. He advised after a half hour of waiting around in the lobby, he went to his room and went to bed.

He advised he learned Senator KENNEDY had been shot the next morning, when his wife called from Chicago and informed him.

KINZER advised he had not seen SIRHAN SIRHAN in the hotel and had heard nothing regarding a conspiracy to kill Senator KENNEDY.

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On 11/5/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 89-61
by SA NELSON E. BOSE / nss Date dictated 11/5/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/19/68

Mr. JOSEPH KUBAY, 421 Chestnut Street, Johnstown, Pa., advised that he and his wife were part of a Greyhound tour which arrived in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968. He advised that they had reservations at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, and that they arrived in their room at approximately 4:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968. He stated that when leaving the following day, they learned of the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY, and that they saw nothing unusual while in the hotel.

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SA JOHN S. HUGHES

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11/19/68

by _____ Date dictated _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/19/68

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Pittsburgh 44-583

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11/19/68

by _____ Date dictated _____

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Date: May 21, 1968

Miss CHARLENE LEWIS was interviewed at the residence of her parents, 601 Parkth Avenue, where she arrived on December 19, 1966, to recuperate from an illness. She stated her residence address is care of ROBERTSOLM, 52 West 71st Street, New York, New York, and her employer is "Sports Illustrated" magazine, Time-Life Building, New York. She stated she could be reached at her employer's, telephone number 558-2917.

Miss LEWIS advised that between May 20, 1966, and July 7, 1966, she was staying with relatives in Los Angeles, California, while she worked as a volunteer for the Speeches and Issues Bureau of the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign Staff. She stated that in connection with this work she entered the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, between 8:30 and 9:00 P.M., June 4, 1968. She said that Senator KENNEDY came into this room about midnight and talked for about ten to fifteen minutes to the group assembled there. She said that when he finished his talk he left this room and went through a hall to the kitchen or pantry area adjacent to this room. Miss LEWIS advised she remained in the Embassy Room and learned about one or two minutes later from some KENNEDY girls that Senator KENNEDY had just been shot. She stated she, herself, did not observe the shooting, and at no time did she see SIRHAN SIRHAN at the hotel. She stated that as a matter of fact, she never saw this man at any time or any place. She stated she was shocked when she learned Senator KENNEDY had been shot and had absolutely no idea whether a conspiracy was involved.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/11/68

ROGER LEWIS, employed by the BERL I. BARNHARD law firm at 1876 Connecticut Avenue, North West, Washington, D. C. furnished the following information:

LEWIS was a Volunteer doing advance work for the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's campaign in California during the early part of June 1968. During the evening of June 4, 1968, LEWIS was in the Embassy Ballroom but LEWIS returned to his room in the Ambassador Hotel and watched television coverage. LEWIS said he went to sleep with the television on and awoke to the news on television KENNEDY had been shot.

LEWIS said he did not travel with the KENNEDY party in any of the other primary campaigns. He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and LEWIS said he could not recall ever having seen him.

LEWIS added he had been with the KENNEDY party at Disneyland and at two rallies held in and outside the Cocoanut Grove in Los Angeles, California. LEWIS said the kitchen route in the Ambassador Hotel had been suggested and shown to the late Senator ROBERT KENNEDY as a good way to get from the Cocoanut Grove to the Palm Court prior to one of the above rallies. LEWIS was with the late Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and ETHEL KENNEDY when this was done.

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On 10/11/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA ROGER D. ASHLAND:RDA:rda Date dictated 10/11/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/13/68

DANIEL D. MC GURL, 51 Forster Road, Manchester, Massachusetts, provided the following information:

He and his wife were guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, from June 2, 1968, to June 4, 1968, when they left for Las Vegas. He did not witness the killing of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and the first he knew of it was from watching television in Las Vegas.

He and his wife have never seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, have no information concerning a possible conspiracy on the part of SIRHAN, and can provide no pertinent information concerning this matter.

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On 11/8/68 at Telephonically Manchester, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

by SA CARL J. EVENSEN/rem Date dictated 11/8/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/13/68

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On 11/8/68 at Telephonically Manchester, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

by SA CARL J. EVENSEN/rem Date dictated 11/8/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 15, 1968

Mrs. HARVEY MILLER, Rt. 1, Kempton, Pa., advised she and her husband were guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif., on June 4, 1968. They were members of the Berry Tour out of Chicago. The group consisted of approximately twenty persons.

They were not assigned rooms in the main part of the hotel, but were staying in some of the hotel cottages.

She was not aware, nor was her husband, of any activity which occurred in the main section of the hotel, inasmuch as they did not go into the hotel during their two-day visit.

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On 11/13/68 at Kempton, Pa. File # Philadelphia 62-4929
by SA JOHN T. NEWKIRK/amd Date dictated 11/15/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/12/68

JOSEPH E. MOHBAT, 1754 Corcoran, N. W., Washington, D. C., was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He stated he was assigned to the KENNEDY campaign for the duration as a reporter for Associated Press. The night of the shooting he had another assignment which took him away from the Ambassador Hotel and he did not get back there until after the shooting. He said he had never seen SIRHAN or the girl in the polka dot dress at any time. MOHBAT stated he could be of no help in this matter.

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On 11/8/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA ROBERT F. PETTY:sjp Date dictated 11/12/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/68

WILLIAM MURPHY, who resides on Trinity Pass, Town Bridge, New York, advised that he was employed by the advertising agency of Papert Lois and Koenig and was in Los Angeles at the time of the murder of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He advised that at the time of the murder he was not in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel but had retired early since he had an early flight in the morning.

MURPHY advised that during his association with the work performed by the agency for Senator KENNEDY he had never observed SIRHAN B. SIRHAN before.

The following is a physical description of WILLIAM MURPHY:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Jersey City, New Jersey
Height	5'11"
Weight	160
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	Married
Military Service	United States Navy, 1945-1946
Military Serial Number	[REDACTED]
Arrest	None admitted.

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On 11/21/68 at 777 Third Avenue, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA FREDERICK J. LONERGAN/mmh Date dictated 11/21/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/6/68

Mrs. PHYLLIS MYERS, 662 Winggate Drive, advised as follows:

Early in June, 1968, she and her two sisters, Mrs. NORMAN YERETSKY and Mrs. CHARLOTTE CHERRY, went to Los Angeles because of the illness of their mother. The two sisters registered at the Ambassador Hotel, but she did not register herself, as she just slept in an extra bed that was in the room.

They were in the Coffee Shop at the hotel on the night that Senator KENNEDY was killed, but they left just before midnight and went to their room. They noticed nothing unusual or suspicious at that time. They did not hear about the shooting until they woke up the following morning. They did hear a lot of noise in the hall after they went to their room but they did not think anything about it.

She knows nothing at all concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 12/3/68 at Sunnyvale, California File # LA 56-156
SF 62-5481
by GEORGE HARTLEY / ER Date dictated 12/5/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 27, 1968

Mr. Carl Pelleck, reporter, New York Post, 75 West Street, New York, New York stated that he left New York for Los Angeles, California after Senator Robert Kennedy had been shot. Pelleck was sent to the Ambassador Hotel to cover the story of the shooting. He does not know Sirhan Sirhan.

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On 11/27/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640by SA William J. Roemer/fo Date dictated 11/27/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 18, 19681

PHILLIP W. PELOQUIN, Jr., 1161 South Clarence, Oak Park, Illinois, phone VI 8-0687, advised he was not in the Ambassador Hotel during the night of June 4, 1968. PELOQUIN advised he had gone to California as an Advance Man for the KENNEDY staff. He advised that he checked into the Ambassador Hotel sometime during the middle of May, and left on the morning of June 4, 1968, for New York City. He advised that he was in New York City when he heard the reports of Senator KENNEDY's assassination. PELOQUIN advised that he had not seen SIRHAN SIRHAN in or around the Ambassador Hotel at any time while he was there. He also advised that he had heard nothing specific regarding a conspiracy on Senator KENNEDY's life.

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On 11/13/68 at Oak Park, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA JOHN B. TARPEY/rmk Date dictated 11/14/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date December 2, 1968

CHARLES POLLOCK, Reinsurance Agency, 141 West Jackson, Chicago, advised he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968. He advised that evening he had gone out for dinner and returned to the hotel as police were bringing SIRHAN SIRHAN out. He advised he had not seen the subject prior to that time and had heard nothing regarding a conspiracy on Senator KENNEDY's life.

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On 11/25/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA NELSON E. BOSE :DRD Date dictated 11/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/27/68

EDWIN O. REISCHAUER, former United States Ambassador to Japan and currently a professor in the History Department, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that he participated in the campaign of United States Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in California in June, 1968. REISCHAUER stated that he spent most of his time in San Francisco; and on the evening of June 4, 1968, he returned from San Francisco to Los Angeles, staying there only long enough to board a plane for Chicago at 8 PM with ADAM YARMOLINSKY, another individual who participated in the campaign.

REISCHAUER stated he did not see ROBERT F. KENNEDY while he was in Los Angeles and had no knowledge of the shooting until he was so advised of the incident in Chicago.

REISCHAUER stated that he has observed photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and has been unable to identify him as anyone he has ever seen previously.

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On 11/22/68 at Cambridge, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/gb Date dictated 11/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/27/68

MICHAEL D. ROMAN, 105 Woodside Drive, Greenwich, Connecticut, attending a seminar at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that on June 4, 1968, he was at the Bulova Watch Company sales meeting at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

He stated that he was in the Embassy Room at the hotel around midnight on that date when ROBERT KENNEDY addressed the group in the ballroom. He stated that he remained in the room when KENNEDY and a group departed and went through the kitchen area. ROMAN stated he heard the shooting and was subsequently advised KENNEDY had been shot.

ROMAN stated he did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN when he was in custody and removed from the hotel. He further stated he saw pictures of SIRHAN and could not identify him as a person ROMAN had ever seen previously.

ROMAN had no reason to believe anyone else in the area of the Ambassador Hotel was involved in the shooting incident.

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On 11/26/68 at Cambridge, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/gh Date dictated 11/26/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 2, 19681

Mrs. VIRGINIA M. SATIR, Kairo's-Wishing Well, Rancho Santa Fe, California, advised that she had been staying at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, from June 3, through June 6, 1968, in connection with a convention of hospital administrators. She said that on the evening of June 4, 1968, she had returned to the hotel from a meeting of the American College of Hospital Administration at about 11:30 in the evening. She went to her room and subsequently watched on TV events in connection with the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She did not leave her room during this period and did not see or hear anything first-hand in connection with the shooting. She did not see anyone resembling SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN during her stay at the hotel.

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On 11/22/68 at Rancho Santa Fe, California File # SD 44-394
LA 56-156
by SA ROBERT E. THORNTON /ejt 11/27/68
Date dictated

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date November 13, 1968

Mr. FRED SCHUMACHER, 404 East 2nd Street, Rock Falls, Illinois, advised he and his wife were guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was killed. He stated they were at the hotel with an organized tour being conducted by Knotts Berry Farm. He said that he and his wife were returning to the hotel after having dinner out, and were at the desk picking up their room key when they overheard someone excitedly say "they shot him." He said seconds later he observed police officers bringing someone through the lobby and that people were yelling and trying to get to the man. He said they were unable to observe the man because of the police officers and other people surrounding him. He said that he and his wife then went to their cottage, after having received permission from a police officer who was guarding the exit door.

Mr. SCHUMACHER said neither he nor his wife could furnish any information regarding SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, or any information concerning the assassination.

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On 11/6/68 at Rock Falls, Illinois File # CG 89-61
by SA J. GLENN MC KENZIE:ab Date dictated 11/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/25/68

Mrs. AURELIA SMITH, Rosedale Farm, Chester, Illinois, was contacted at St. Ann's Home, 770 State St., Chester. She advised she had just returned the previous night from Hawaii. She advised that she was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California on 6/4/68 with a touring group and that the group had rooms in the Garden Section of the hotel. She advised that there was considerable confusion at the hotel that night due to the political rally for Senator KENNEDY, and due to this she retired about 11:00 PM. She stated that she heard nothing of the shooting until about 7:00 AM the following morning when she heard it on the radio. Mrs. SMITH advised she has followed the matter in the news media since it happened and is familiar with the appearance of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and cannot recall seeing him in or near the hotel. She advised that she has seen his picture many times in news media.

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On 11/25/68 at Chester, IllinoisFile # 44-568by SA Joseph L. McKinstryDate dictated Typed 11/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 14, 1968

Mr. P. T. STEARNS, 923 Fisher Lane, Winnetka, Illinois, was contacted at his place of employment, Medical Economics, Incorporated, Playboy Building, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. STEARNS advised he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968.

STEARNS advised he was in Los Angeles on a business trip and the evening of June 4, 1968, he returned to the hotel about 9:30 p.m. He stated after returning, he spent some time in a bar on the second lobby floor. He advised later he was in the main lobby when people began running and it was at this time he learned that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. STEARNS advised he took an elevator to his room on the second floor and turned on his television which he watched until about 2:00 a.m. when he went to bed without leaving his room.

STEARNS advised he does not recall seeing SIRHAN before the shooting. STEARNS advised he knew nothing regarding a conspiracy to assassinate Senator KENNEDY nor had he heard any rumors regarding this before the evening of June 4, 1968.

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On 10/11/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA NELSON E. BOSE/jeo Date dictated 10/14/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/12/68

LINDA WEISS, Apartment 9, 11 Gray Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that she was active in the campaign of United States Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in Washington, D.C., Indiana, and California.

Miss WEISS stated that she was in San Francisco, California, on June 4, 1968, and was not at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot.

Miss WEISS stated further that photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN observed by her are not identical with any person she had ever seen previously.

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On 10/30/68 at Cambridge, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

by SA JAMES E. HARVEY / mac Date dictated 11/5/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/7/68

GARY WHITE, The Tom Thomas Organization, Detroit Trade Center Building, Detroit, Michigan, advised that he was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California on June 4, 1968 but has no information regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. He advised that he does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN, did not see him and has no information concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 10/2/68 at Detroit, Michigan File# Detroit 62-4177

by SA(A) CLYDE B. LAUER/gam Date dictated 10/4/68

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INTERVIEWS OF INDIVIDUALS AT
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GUN CLUB,
DUARTE, CALIFORNIA
(FISH CANYON FIRING RANGE),
ON JUNE 4, 1968

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It was previously reported that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was target shooting on June 4, 1968, at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, Duarte, California.

Results of interviews of some of the persons present at this Gun Club on June 4, 1968, have previously been reported.

An interview of an additional person present at the Gun Club on June 4, 1968, follows:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 12/19/68

MICHAEL ANTHONY SACCOMAN, 240 West Walnut, Apartment C, Monrovia, California, advised that on June 4, 1968, he went to the Fish Canyon firing range in Monrovia.

SACCOMAN identified a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN as being a photograph of a person that he saw at the Fish Canyon Range on June 4, 1968. SACCOMAN advised that he and SIRHAN exchanged guns and shot with each others gun. He stated that SIRHAN's gun was a small revolver, blue steel, with about a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " barrel. SACCOMAN stated that SIRHAN's revolver was very cheap and it held more than six shots. He stated that the gun was a .22 caliber pistol. SACCOMAN stated that SIRHAN's pistol had black plastic grips.

SACCOMAN stated that SIRHAN had several boxes of .22 caliber ammunition which he described as "hollowpoint, .22 Long Rifle, Mini-mags".

SACCOMAN stated that SIRHAN told him that he had purchased the gun for \$40.00 some months ago and he had practiced with gun "up north". SACCOMAN described SIRHAN as being a pretty good shot.

SACCOMAN advised that SIRHAN told him he was going hunting with the pistol. SACCOMAN stated that when he advised SIRHAN it would be illegal to hunt in California with a pistol of such small caliber, SIRHAN told him that the pistol could "kill a dog".

SACCOMAN advised that SIRHAN seemed to be alone at the range and he added that he had never seen SIRHAN before.

It is noted that the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club is commonly known as the Fish Canyon firing range.

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On 12/12/68 at Monrovia, California File # Los Angeles 56-156
by SA FREDERICH E. BECKER/sjs Date dictated 12/16/68

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING RUMOR
CIRCULATING IN ISRAEL, IRAQ AND
EUROPE IN MID-MAY 1968, THAT
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT

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It was previously reported that a Brownell Tour was conducted in the Holy Land from May 4 to May 20, 1968. It was further indicated that one of the guides on the tour had advised tour members on either May 16 or May 17, 1968, that ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot. Interviews with members of this Brownell Tour have previously been reported.

Following is an interview of CLIFFORD E. KERNS, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, concerning this matter:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/12/68

CLIFFORD E. (JACK) KERNS, 313 South Camac Street,
advised as follows:

He is employed as a Tour Director by Brownell Tours and was in Israel with a tour during the latter part of May, 1968. He does not recall hearing any discussion concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY while on this tour. He cannot now recall where he was when he first heard of the assassination but is positive that he did not hear anything about the shooting prior to the time of the assassination.

On 11/6/68 at Philadelphia, Pa. File # Philadelphia 62-4929
by SA DARWIN B. BARE/jfb Date dictated 11/12/68

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING DONALD WICKSON,
ALSO KNOWN AS DONALD DAVID EVANGELISTA,
EXTRA BANQUET WAITER AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL,
LOS ANGELES, FROM MAY 17 TO JUNE 19, 1968

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Investigation concerning DONALD DAVID EVANGELISTA, true name Donald Wickson, extra banquet waiter at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, from May 17 to June 19, 1968, has previously been reported. Following is additional investigation in this matter:

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Background Concerning
DONALD DAVID WICKSON
also known as
Donald David Evangelista,
Paul Letsky

On May 7, 1966, DONALD DAVID EVANGELISTA and PHILIP LUCIER, also known as Al Garzo, were arrested by the New Mexico State Police, West of Albuquerque, in possession of a 1965 Chevrolet Corvair, registered to SUSAN and DIANE BUTCHER of South Pasadena, California, and reported stolen to the South Pasadena Police Department on May 7, 1966.

LUCIER was known to DIANE BUTCHER as AL GARZO and had driven the car several times when with DIANE but no permission given to take the car. The United States Attorney at Albuquerque declined prosecution, May 9, 1966, in view of the association of EVANGELISTA latter identified as DONALD DAVID WICKSON, and LUCIER with the owners of the vehicle.

Investigation disclosed the South Pasadena Police planned to obtain a Grand Theft Auto warrants and that the Worcester, Massachusetts Police had warrants on both WICKSON and LUCIER as of May 1966

The Los Angeles Police Department advised June 4, 1968, that a 1968 Mustang convertible with Massachusetts license had been recovered on that date at the Los Angeles International Airport and it was ascertained that this vehicle had been reported stolen to the Worcester Police, May 9, 1968. Inquiry revealed that WICKSON, using a Massachusetts Drivers license of PAUL LETSKY of Worcester, had rented the Mustang, May 6, 1968, at Worcester from the Heywood Leasing Company. LETSKY's apartment had been broken into and license and clothing stolen.

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WICKSON during interview at his residence by SA KENNETH R. OLSON and SA GERALD F. MOORE, November 25, 1968, admitted renting the above Mustang, under the name of LETSKY, driving it to Los Angeles and abandoning it at the International Airport.

On November 27, 1968 a complaint was filed by SA STEVEN E. DUCKER, before United States Commissioner JOHN A. CHILDRESS at Los Angeles, California, charging WICKSON with a one count violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 2312, the Interstate Transportation of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, which involved the Mustang Convertible.

A warrant was issued and WICKSON was in a fugitive status as of December 6, 1968.

It was further ascertained that the South Pasadena Police Department still held a Grand Theft Auto warrant for WICKSON but was delaying action on it pending the results of the Federal prosecution. The Worcester, Massachusetts Police, as of November 22, 1968, held felony warrants for DONALD WICKSON, charging 25 counts of larceny and 13 counts of uttering and forgery and one count of larceny of a motor vehicle.

The records of Grand County Colorado, October 25, 1968, revealed that DONALD WICKSON was arrested by the Colorado State Patrol, August 6, 1968, at Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado, for driving without a valid drivers license and served 30 days in the County jail. These records described WICKSON as, white, male, American, born [redacted] at Worcester, Massachusetts, 5'7" tall, 140 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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11/27/63

Date _____

DONALD WICKSON, Apartment 9, 5933 Gregory Avenue, Los Angeles, telephone 466-0550, telephoned the FBI office in response to an attempt to contact him at his apartment by Special Agent LESLIE F. WARREN on the previous day. Mr. WICKSON said that he had no additional information to add to his previous interview conducted by the FBI with respect to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. WICKSON claimed that he had been employed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot, as a waiter and had been in the room on the first floor below the Embassy Room at the time of the actual shooting and had not observed any activity before or after the shooting, which, in his opinion, was related to it. He continued that he had been examining photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN in the newspapers and on television to ascertain if he may have observed SIRHAN at any time before. He had reached the conclusion that he had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time.

Mr. WICKSON said that while employed as a waiter at the Ambassador Hotel, he had used the name of DONALD DAVID EVANGELISTA. His true name, however, was DONALD WICKSON, and he was born [redacted], at Worcester, Massachusetts, under this name. His reason for using the name EVANGELISTA was that he had gotten into some trouble with the police in Worcester, Massachusetts, which was now straightened out, and had switched to the name of EVANGELISTA. He claimed to be presently using the name of WICKSON.

Mr. WICKSON related that he was currently attending a work orientation program at the University of California at Los Angeles, which was financed by the United States Government. He expected to obtain a position with possibly the California State Department of Employment or some related type position when he finished the course, which would be in the immediate future.

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On 11/21/63 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156
by SA LESLIE F. WARREN/eb Date dictated 11/22/63

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING INFORMATION
FURNISHED BY JOHN FAHEY,
LOS ANGELES, THAT ON JUNE 4, 1968,
HE AND A BLONDE WOMAN WERE
FOLLOWED BY INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED BY
FAHEY TO BE MUNIR SIRHAN

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It was previously reported that JOHN FAHEY, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, had been in the company of a blonde woman whom he had met earlier that morning at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. During breakfast with this woman at the Ambassador Hotel Coffee Shop on June 4, 1968, FAHEY noticed a man in the entrance to the coffee shop staring at them. FAHEY subsequently identified a photograph of MUNIR SIRHAN as looking like the individual staring into the coffee shop.

Following are results of interview of JOHN FAHEY on September 9, 1968, by officers of the Los Angeles, California Police Department concerning this matter:

1 TAPE #29588

2 TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW OF JOHN FAHEY

3 SEPTEMBER 9, 1968, 7:30 P.M.

4 TAPED IN ROOM 318, PARKER CENTER

5 QUESTIONED BY: LT. E. HERNANDEZ, S.U.S. UNIT

6 SGT. P. R. ALEXANDER, S.U.S. UNIT

7 TRANSCRIBED BY: STELLA C. ROTH, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

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LT. HERNANDEZ: Okay, I'm going to get started here and see how far we can go.

A Thank you.

LT. HERNANDEZ: Okay, John, for the purposes of this interview, Sgt. Phil Alexander; my name's Hernandez, and the gentleman here is John Fahey, F-a-h-e-y; the stenographer, John, for your information is Mr. Ron Horlacher; and he's going to take this statement verbatim. Now, what we're trying to do here, John, is to determine the truth concerning statements made by you to members of the FBI and to other members of the Los Angeles Police Department. And I hope you'll be truthful with me at this time.

Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Now, on June 4, 1968, did you meet a young woman at the Ambassador Hotel?

A Yes, sir.

Q Was there anything during your association with that woman that led you to believe that she was in any way connected with the assassination of Senator Kennedy?

A No, sir.

Q Did you tell anyone, either the FBI or other

1 police officers anything that would have led them to believe
2 that she was involved in the assassination of Kennedy?

3 A At the time I was excited, and I had this fear
4 in me because of what--of the events that took place that
5 day. I could have done it erroneously; yes, sir.

6 Q Okay, erroneously now, John, do you remember
7 what you told these people?

8 A That possibly she could be the girl they were
9 looking for.

10 Q Would you repeat that, please?

11 A That possibly she could have been the girl that
12 they were looking for.

13 Q Now, by the girl that they were looking for,
14 were you--

15 A --for the girl that was possibly involved in
16 something.

17 Q Do you have any specific girl in mind?

18 A The girl that I was with that date.

19 Q What made you believe that the FBI or anyone
20 was interested in that girl?

21 A Because, ah, well, it was known that a girl was
22 involved.

23 Q Uh huh.

24 A And that from what the lady had made statements
25 to me about, reflection of her bad taste toward Mr. Kennedy
26 or the party that he was involved with, led me to believe

1 that possibly that she had something to do with it.

2 Q Okay, as a matter of fact, John, now you know
3 that in your mind all along there was nothing that happened
4 that would lead any reasonable person to form a belief that
5 she was connected with the assassination of Senator Kennedy,
6 was there?

7 A Now that I have sat down and thought it all
8 through, you're right; yes, sir.

9 Q Okay, now after you left the Ambassador Hotel on
10 the 4th of June, you had indicated that you thought (you
11 were being followed. Why did you say that?)

12 A Maybe you would drive up Wilshire, you take them
13 there with you all the way--you take a right, and they keep
14 continue going, but this man stayed right with me.

15 Q Did he at any time threaten you?

16 A No, sir.

17 Q Okay now, let's go to the Volkswagen. You
18 described that as a blue vehicle?

19 A Yes, the same color as the Ford.

20 Q Blue.

21 A Right.

22 Q Did this car follow you?

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q Where did it follow you to?

25 A It was following me on the road towards Oxnard,
26 and it was apparent that we were being watched or followed,

1 and I had a desire to pull over and find out, as I said to
2 the girl, the lady, I'm going to find out who in the hell
3 they are following us. So I took a left, and I pulled over
4 on the rocks. This is the area. And I parked. He pulled
5 over and parked on my right and got out of his car.

6 Q Did you talk with that man, the driver?

7 A No, sir.

8 Q Did he say anything to you?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q Did he threaten you?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Okay, now going back to the woman. You described
13 her to me as being a nutty individual; what did you mean by
14 that?

15 A Her statements, her conversations at times like
16 talking about Kennedy the way she did, talking about McCarthy
17 the way she did. She didn't like any of them. She was on
18 the move. She said she'd only been here three days from
19 New York. She had a lot of clothes she had to ship to
20 Australia.

21 THE REPORTER: Slow down.

22 A Excuse me.

23 THE REPORTER: She had only been here three days
24 from New York?

25 A Right.

26 Australia? THE REPORTER: She had what to ship to

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1 A She had a lot of clothes she said and she had
2 to ship them to Australia. She wanted to get out of the
3 country. She was leaving the country.

4 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Would you describe this
5 individual as a hippie?

6 A In one respect she--you could look at her as a
7 hippie; yes, sir.

8 Q Okay, so you've described her as a hippie and as
9 a--

10 A Or a lady who travels like say the Middle East.

11 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: Not an American or like you
12 and I, we take a shower every couple of days, or we shave
13 ourselves real good to keep clean?

14 A No.

15 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: I'm trying to keep slow so
16 the gentleman can get the information.

17 A Excuse me.

18 Q Why do you say the Middle East? Why the Middle
19 East?

20 A Features. Her accent, the way she used at times.
21 She had an accent and when she gave me her real name, as
22 what she said, Oppenheimer, I figured Middle East, Middle
23 East.

24 Q Okay, but she was a nutty type person to you?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q And she looked like a hippie?

1 A Yes, sir.

2 Q Did you ever form the idea in your mind that the
3 people that were following, if they were following you, might
4 have been a boyfriend or a husband or someone that knew her?

5 A It could have been; yes, sir.

6 Q Did you think about this?

7 A Not at that time; no, sir.

8 Q Have you ever thought about it?

9 A No, sir.

10 Q Will you think about it now?

11 A Yes, sir, it could be; yes, sir, that could be
12 true.

13 Q Is there anything, John, in your mind, that you
14 could tell us that happened to you on the 4th of June that
15 might have any connection, even the slightest connection,
16 with the assassination of Senator Kennedy?

17 A There isn't anything, sir.

18 Q Are you telling the truth now?

19 A Yes, sir.

20 Q Is there anything you want to ask, Phil?

21 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: I just want to get this
22 cleared up about Fernando Faura. You say that there's been
23 many times that he has insinuated things to you and put
24 words in your mouth, so to speak, led you to believe certain
25 things that you consequently found out not to be true and
26 so forth?

1 I'd like you to expound on that a little bit just to
2 say for the record to get it straight.

3 A Ah, well ask me some questions about it, and I
4 can go from there, huh?

5 Q All right, has Fernando Faura ever told you,
6 for instance, that--that this woman that you was with had
7 anything to do with Kennedy's assassination?

8 A When I first went to Fernando Faura, I explained
9 my story to him that I was with this lady, and regardless
10 whether she was the girl or wasn't the girl, was immaterial;
11 that, however, we would find this lady, and from that point
12 on he took me out to the San Fernando Police Station and
13 interrogated me at great length on several different
14 occasions. And I actually was led to believe that he was
15 part of the Police Department there through his conversations
16 with me, and he made me feel as if through the course of our
17 interrogations that this was the girl that we were looking
18 for or that you gentlemen were looking for. And as our
19 association went on, it just elevated until where that he
20 was following the FBI. There was some hotel man that he
21 contacted; that the FBI had contacted, and this was how they--
22 he and this--whoever this photographer was, got involved
23 with this hotel situation was because of this man by the
24 name of Hammond. He's a hotel manager or something of this
25 nature, and this Hammond gave him information that the FBI
26 was staking out a girl, supposed to be my girl et cetera,

1 and as things of this nature built up and elevated, and he
2 tried to make me believe that this was the girl. And
3 naturally I become excited and I become feared and appauled
4 about it, and he took me back to San Fernando Police Station
5 where I met a Lt. Stein. He had me sit with him in a--
6 I got an--Ident Kit they called? And put description of the
7 girl--my girl together. Then he took this ident composite
8 to a hippie artist, and he drew this girl in color. Then he
9 had snapshots made of this girl, and he's been showing this
10 girl to different witnesses. He took me to a hypnotist, a
11 doctor, who is supposed to have hypnotized me, and he really
12 didn't. I was--if he did, I--I was unaware of it, and there
13 was a witness there called Chuck that was supposed to have
14 worked for the Kennedy people at that time, and he identified
15 the picture as the girl or one of the girls that was supposed
16 to have been there or something of that nature. Ah, he
17 stated also that this maitre d', DiPierro, has identified
18 the girl as that--the girl, being the girl.

19 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: But as a matter of fact, John,
20 this girl that you're referring to from the Ident Kit, you
21 knew all along this girl didn't exist; didn't you?

22 A The girl exists. The girl, my girl, that was
23 with me that day?

24 Q Yes.

25 A That's who the girl is, the picture is of.

26 Q Well, is it a picture of the person that you

1 were with--

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q --or close to it?

4 A The girl--no, the picture is of the girl that
5 was with me that day.

6 Q Is it a good likeness to the girl?

7 A Pretty close; yes, sir, pretty close.

8 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: Okay, so then he did more or
9 less strengthen your mind in these beliefs?

10 A Yes, sir, he did.

11 Q He created some of these beliefs in your mind?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q In other words--

14 A Calling me up several times and wanting me to
15 meet him at the Citizen News. He had a gentleman there with
16 a bunch of pictures he wanted me to pick out a girl. There
17 were several pictures they showed me. I never picked out
18 any girl because I never saw a girl--a description of the
19 girl that was with me.

20 Q Okay, so then he did create some of this a--

21 A Romanticism or something like that.

22 Q Yeah.

23 A Right. He romanced me **.

24 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: Fantasy something that you
25 knew was not true; that he put words in your mouth?

26 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: In other words, he took the

1 situation as you laid it to him and then he related it back
2 to you and told you how it could possibly have been after
3 Senator Kennedy--

4 A Yes, sir, Sarge, that's right.

5 Q That wasn't your idea?

6 A No, sir; it was his idea.

7 Q Right.

8 A Naturally I fell into it, and I went along with
9 it because, well, like he said, possibly she could be the
10 girl or she is the girl and toward the end he kept saying,
11 well, she's the girl.

12 THE REPORTER: A little bit slower, please.

13 A Excuse me.

14 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: You went along with it.

15 A I went along with it because, well, I was with
16 this girl that day; and when he tells me something, I believed
17 it because the man works out in the police station in San
18 Fernando, and I took the man at his word. And when he would
19 tell me that another witness has identified my picture--the
20 girl that was with me, that gives you a little strength, and
21 you begin to wonder and you become feared, and I was--

22 Q When he took you to this hypnotist, can you
23 recall the hypnotist's name?

24 A Yes, Dr. LaScola.

25 Q Dr. LaScol--

26 A La, L-a-S-c-o-l-a.

1 Q Would you spell that again, please?

2 A L-a-S-c-o-l-a, and he's out in Santa Monica across
3 from St. John's Hospital in the Medical Building there.

4 Q Now, you say to the best of your recollection
5 you never were under hypnotic trance; is that right?

6 A He attempted to put me under--he attempted to
7 hypnotize me. But I say he didn't do it. I was alive like
8 I'm talking with you now.

9 Q You can recall everything that went on?

10 A Yes, sir.

11 Q Totally?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q What did he try to implant anything in your mind?

14 A He said we were--we were going to have later on
15 a long discussion. He was going to hypnotize me again; that
16 I would be thinking about this; and that--about the girl;
17 that he and I would have a long talk about her and the events
18 that took place that day. I will say he did stimulate my
19 mind. For example, this girl told me where her ex-husband
20 was, on the island of Taipei because he had worked over
21 there for the FAA or with them or some association. And it
22 helped to remind his name. He did stimulate my mind a little
23 bit, but he--he didn't hypnotize me. I wasn't under--I've
24 never been hypnotized, so I can't tell you what to expect
25 about it.

26 Q You do have an independent recollection now,

1 here though, the occurrences of that day?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And you say that he took you also to a polygraph
4 examination?

5 A Yes, sir, he did.

6 Q Do you recall the name of that person that con-
7 ducted your--

8 A --Mr. Chris Gugas.

9 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: John, if I may, in relation
10 to that polygraph examination, you know, and quite truthfully,
11 frankly with each other in all ** you were not truthful with
12 Mr. Gugas all the way in what you believed?

13 A Right. Yes.

14 Q Yes, upon the conclusion of the test, what did
15 Mr. Gugas tell you?

16 A He told me as a whole I was telling the truth.
17 And Fernando had called me the following Sunday at home, and
18 he says I came through like a champion.

19 Q Okay, now, forget about what Fernando told you,
20 but just knowing the way you answered certain questions there,
21 did he specifically tell you what questions you had answered
22 truthfully and which questions you had showed deception on?

23 A Yes, sir, he did tell me a couple of them. He
24 said about I had a rise, as the language rise, on what the
25 girl had said to me at the hotel about "they're going to
26 take care of Mr. Kennedy that night at the winning reception."

1 There was another one. I just don't remember it offhand.

2 Q Okay, now, which questions do you remember lying
3 about or not being truthful to Mr. Gugas on that he said you
4 answered truthfully. And you know quite well what areas--

5 A Did I tell the truth to the FBI. Did I tell the
6 truth to the LAPD and in, as I understand in myself, now that
7 going through over a period of a couple months being
8 romanced like this that I wasn't telling the truth.

9 Q I see. Has anyone promised you anything for you
10 to make these statements here tonight?

11 A No, sir.

12 Q Has anyone forced you to make these statements
13 here tonight?

14 A No, sir.

15 Q Are the statements you have made here the truth
16 to the best of your ability as you know the truth to be?

17 A Yes, sir, Mr. Hernandez.

18 Q Just for my own curiosity in concluding this
19 statement here, John, really what happened here as men we know
20 it that you were worried and possibly afraid in your wife
21 finding out about this girl. Basically that's what happened
22 that night, is that right?

23 A I was concerned about my wife that night about
24 the girl.

25 Q You were not?

26 A I was not concerned, I'm sorry. I would have

1 told her the truth and I did.

2 Q But not that night.

3 A No, sir, I didn't tell her that night.

4 Q That's what I'm saying. In essence the reason
5 that all this really happened is because you were concerned
6 about your wife misunderstanding what had happened with that
7 girl; is that a fair statement?

8 A Well, no. No, no, I didn't state all this to
9 cover up anything. No, sir.

10 Q Well, why then, John?

11 A Like I said I have been romanced over a period
12 of a couple months.

13 Q By Mr. Fernando?

14 A And led to believe certain things were true and
15 naturally you become excited. You're full of fear, and you,
16 uh, you're led to believe that she's the girl.

17 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: Let me ask you this, is this
18 a fair statement? Certain portions of all that you have said
19 in this past three months, certain portions of it, you feel
20 are basically true?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Other--other portions of the story have been
23 elaborated upon?

24 A Yes, sir, Sergeant; yes, sir.

25 Q Not because you would have elaborated on them
26 yourself, but because you have been led to elaborate upon

1 them by other people such as Fernando Faura, his hypnotist,
2 his polygraph examiner, his hippie artist?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q And other people that he has introduced you to
5 which has lent weight and credibility.

6 A Now, you're--yes, sir.

7 Q To the--to the story which Mr. Faura has tried
8 to build surrounding the basic truthful events which did
9 occur. Is that a--is that a--

10 A --that's a very clear statement; yes, sir.

11 Q Is that a fair statement?

12 A Yes, sir.

13 Q In other words, the nucleus of this whole story
14 is that you made a faux pas, and you went with a woman whom
15 you shouldn't have?

16 A That's right.

17 Q And as a result of having gone out with that woman
18 you attached some significance to it when you heard about
19 the assassination the following day?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q In an effort to divulge any information that you
22 felt you might possibly have, you went to the authorities
23 and then you subsequently contacted Fernando Faura. And at
24 that point he started elaborating on this story?

25 A Yes, sir.

26 Q And it built itself up to the point where it

1 stands today where there have been many fabrications and
2 elaborations on the original basic truthful story?

3 A Yes, that is correct.

4 SGT. ALEXANDER: Okay.

5 Q BY LT. HERNANDEZ: In my mind though, John, as
6 I understand you, you had no sound basis or any basis where
7 any reasonable person would have formed a foundation of
8 truthfulness as far as any connection with this woman and the
9 assassination of Kennedy.

10 A No, sir, only that someone was after me for my
11 car possibly, or I was getting hijacked or something. Yes,
12 sir.

13 LT. HERNANDEZ: Okay, the time is now 8 p.m.,
14 and this interview is concluded.

15 A Where's my wife? Did she come in?

16 LT. HERNANDEZ: No, I told you we pulled that
17 car (sic) out because we felt that you know we've had faith
18 in you even though you've wanted to hold back on us, we've
19 had faith with you all the way through this thing, and the
20 last thing we wanted to do was implicate your wife in any
21 way. There's no reason for it.

22 A I appreciate that. Believe me.

23 LT. HERNANDEZ: The whole concern--

24 A Because I love my wife and, gentlemen, and I
25 want to keep her.

26 LT. HERNANDEZ: Sure.

1 SGT. ALEXANDER: We're both married men and we
2 have families, and it's difficult to find a good woman.

3 A Yes, sir.

4 SGT. ALEXANDER: And just because you happened
5 to be a man who went out and acted a man, and we fully
6 understand this, there's no reason why we should want to
7 harm you in any fashion. All we wanted to do is get this
8 situation straightened out in compliance with the wishes of
9 our superiors, and that's what we feel that we've done here
10 by eliciting these truthful statements from you.

11 LT. HERNANDEZ: Okay, John.

12 A Could Fernando in any way attempt to come back
13 at me?

14 LT. HERNANDEZ: No, here's the thing, now I was
15 going to mention this, if he bothers you any more, you refer
16 him to us.

17 A He can be pretty nasty.

18 LT. HERNANDEZ: You don't have to talk to him.
19 Hang up on him. Tell him to call--you can use my name or
20 Alexander's name. We'll talk to him.

21 Q BY SGT. ALEXANDER: Do you have my card still?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 LT. HERNANDEZ: You tell him just that.

24 SGT. ALEXANDER: If it becomes necessary, like I
25 told you before, if he comes to your place and you have to
26 call the police to get rid of him, display that car and

1 explain that you have been down to the police station
2 relative to the Kennedy investigation and that this man is
3 attempting to concoct some story for the purposes of news-
4 paper publication surrounding the events that you discussed
5 with us and that this is not your desire and that you want
6 the police to escort that man away from your home.

7 A. Okay.

8 SGT. ALEXANDER: If he refuses to go, then he
9 can be put in jail for disturbing the peace, trespassing on
10 private property.

11 LT. HERNANDEZ: Sure, this is your inherent
12 right. Nobody can go around bothering you, John. Well,
13 okay that's it.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING LEE
JOSEPH PITTS, JR., AGE 17,
WHO CONTACTED JACKSON OFFICE
OF THE FBI IN OCTOBER 1968,
CLAIMING TO BE SUBRINA DUBLE,
AGE 17, WHO HAD INFORMATION
CONCERNING ASSASSINATION

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Information was previously reported that on October 10, 1968, a young female telephonically contacted the Jackson Office of the FBI, identifying herself as Miss SUBRINA DUBLE, age 17. She refused to furnish her address or telephone number, but stated her call was to furnish the FBI with information concerning the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Miss DUBLE related a rambling episode of how she met an individual whom she had cause to believe was involved in the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Another call was received from this individual by the Jackson Office of the FBI on October 16, 1968, and on October 19, 1968, she telephonically contacted an Agent of the FBI at Biloxi, Mississippi. On neither call did she furnish further information.

On December 3, 1968, LEE JOSEPH PITTS, JR., age 17, was interviewed at Pascagoula, Mississippi, and admitted that he had made several telephone calls to the Jackson Office of the FBI identifying himself as a 17-year old white female named SUBRINA DUBLE.

Following are results of interviews of LEE JOSEPH PITTS, JR., and his mother, LOUISA MYRTLE PITTS:

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LEE JOSEPH PITTS, JR., interviewed at his home, 546 North Fair Street, Pascagoula, at first denied and then in the presence of his mother admitted that he made several telephone calls to the Jackson Office of the FBI in which he identified himself as a seventeen-year-old white female named SUBRINA DUBLE and that in these calls he stated he had pertinent information regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

He stated he has no information whatsoever regarding the KENNEDY assassination except what he has heard and read in the newspapers. He said that he does not know what motivated him to make these telephone calls.

Throughout the interview, PITTS was uncommunicative and stared at the floor.

The following description was obtained by interview and observation:

Name	LEE JOSEPH PITTS, JR.
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Birth	 at
	Pascagoula, Mississippi
Height	5'9"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Mother	LOUISA MYRTLE PITTS
Father	LEE JOSEPH PITTS, SR.
Residence	546 North Fair Street, Pascagoula, Mississippi
Education	High School graduate

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Mrs. LOUISA MYRTLE PITTS, who was present while her son, JOSEPH LEE PITTS, JR., was interviewed, advised that she is employed as a school crossing guard by the Pascagoula, Mississippi, Police Department. She stated she has had difficulty with her son who was recently arrested by the Pascagoula Police Department while making telephone calls using an assumed name and posing as a white female.

She said he is now under the jurisdiction of the Jackson County Juvenile Judge and that a psychiatric examination has been arranged for him on orders of the Juvenile Court Judge and that he is to appear at the County Health Center for this examination on December 4, 1968.

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INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE
KHALID IQBAL, WHO
APPEARED ON PODIUM IN
EMBASSY ROOM, AMBASSADOR HOTEL,
WITH SENATOR KENNEDY PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION

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TEDDY MARIE NAFIUS, 1518 Diamond Avenue, was interviewed at her residence, at which time she furnished the following information:

During April and May of 1968, she worked as a volunteer for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. During this time she worked out of the campaign headquarters, which was located on Wilshire Boulevard. On the night of Senator KENNEDY'S assassination, she was at the Ambassador Hotel, however, at the time of the shooting, she was in the downstairs ballroom and not in the vicinity of Senator KENNEDY. She could furnish no information as to the circumstances surrounding the shooting.

She said that in talking with some of her friends who were also volunteers for KENNEDY, she had learned that the FBI had been attempting to identify various people who were around Senator KENNEDY at the time of the shooting. In observing some photographs in the June 14, 1968 "Time" magazine, she noticed a Jordanian, known to her as ALI AHMAND, standing on the podium near Senator KENNEDY, just prior to the time when he went into the kitchen. It appeared in the photograph that AHMAND was attempting to take photographs.

She had met AHMAND in May 1968 at a party held by the Volunteers for KENNEDY, after the Indiana Primary Election. She believed this party was on May 7, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel. In talking with him, she learned that he was a Jordanian, that he had been in Los Angeles for two or three years, and although he was not actually working for Senator KENNEDY, he was interested in the political process in America, and that was the reason he came to the party at the Ambassador Hotel. They discussed foreign policy and various aspects of the American political scene. During this discussion, AHMAND made no comment which indicated he had any particularly militant attitudes towards any American politicians.

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by SA RICHARD P. DOUCETTE/lmm Date dictated 12/2/68

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NAFIUS advised that she did not know AHMAND'S address, although he had told her that he was working at ~~Microdot~~ in South Pasadena, California. She advised that she had no particular reason for bringing this to the attention of the FBI, since AHMAND did not express any violent opinions, but merely mentioned it because her friends had said that the FBI was trying to identify the Jordanian in the "Time" magazine photograph. This photograph appeared on page 17 of the June 14 issue.

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MIKE HEINEKE, Engineer, Microdot, 220 Pasadena, was interviewed at his place of employment at which time he furnished the following information:

He observed a photograph located on page 17 of the June 14, 1968 issue of "Time" magazine which showed ROBERT KENNEDY giving his victory speech after the California Primary Election, at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. In this photograph was a man who HEINEKE identified as KHALID IQBAL. It is noted that this is the same man who was pointed out by TEDDY MARIE NAFIUS at the time of her interview on November 26, 1968.

HEINEKE stated that he had known IQBAL for about nine months while he was working as an electrical engineer for Microdot at the South Pasadena Plant. He stated that IQBAL had often mentioned that he was at the Ambassador Hotel when Senator KENNEDY was shot, however, according to what he had been told by IQBAL, IQBAL did not actually see the shooting. In the course of these conversations IQBAL said that he did not know SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and was not in sympathy with SIRHAN. HEINEKE stated that IQBAL was very much impressed by Senator KENNEDY and considered him to be a great man. At no time did he show any hatred of KENNEDY and in fact was very respectful and admiring. HEINEKE last saw IQBAL on about October 19, 1968 when he left Los Angeles for the Olympic Games in Mexico City. At that time it was IQBAL's intention to return to his native Pakistan and work there as an electrical engineer in the Government Program. HEINEKE said that he does not recall what city IQBAL was from. He believed it was Ilyapur, Pakistan. He was not certain of the spelling of the city. To HEINEKE's knowledge, IQBAL had no intention of returning to the United States.

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by SA JOHN M. CALLAGHAN
SA RICHARD P. DOUCETTE/dmh 12/12/68
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1Date 1/27/69

Mrs. PATRICIA WHITE, 819 South Irolo Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that KHALID IQBAL had resided at that address for a period of nearly two years. Mrs. WHITE advised that she had managed the apartments at that address for the past year and had been acquainted with IQBAL. Mrs. WHITE stated that IQBAL left Los Angeles in October, 1968 while still owing two weeks back rent. Mrs. WHITE advised that she had no idea where IQBAL might have gone but she believed he had returned to Pakistan. Mrs. WHITE stated that a number of debt collectors had been looking for IQBAL.

Mrs. WHITE stated that IQBAL was present at the Ambassador Hotel at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. She stated that he carried a camera around his neck and he was allowed to get very close to the stage from which the Senator had given his victory speech. She stated that IQBAL passed himself off as a representative of the Pakistanian Press and was able to get quite close to Senator KENNEDY at times.

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On 1/16/69 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156
by SA FREDRICK E. BECKER/gja Date dictated 1/22/69

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1Date 1/27/69

JOHN R. MANN, Personnel Manager, Microdot, Incorporated, 220 Pasadena Avenue, South Pasadena, California, advised that KHALID IQBAL was an employee of his company from September, 1967 to August, 1968. Mr. MANN advised that IQBAL had reportedly left the Los Angeles area in October, 1968 as he was illegally charging Avis Rent-A-Car bills to Microdot from Mexico in October, 1968. Mr. MANN further advised that a number of debt collectors had been seeking IQBAL.

MANN stated that IQBAL was present at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on the night that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was shot. He stated that IQBAL went to the hotel and passed himself off as a representative of the "Pakistianian Times" and he carried a camera. MANN stated that IQBAL was able to get quite close to Senator KENNEDY.

MANN stated that he personally viewed a photograph published in "Time Magazine" which reflected Senator KENNEDY on a stage at the Ambassador Hotel and giving his victory speech. MANN stated that he was able to identify KHALID IQBAL as being in the crowd before the stage.

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by SA FREDRICK E. BECKER/gja Date dictated 1/22/69

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Date 1/27/691

JOHN R. MANN, Personnel Manager, Microdot, Incorporated, 220 Pasadena Avenue, South Pasadena, California, advised that he had just received a letter from KHALID IQBAL.

The letter from IQBAL stated that he had returned to his native Pakistan and had no intention of returning to the United States. The letter made a request of Microdot to refund any withheld funds he might have coming.

IQBAL is currently residing in care of M. GULZAR, Shop No. 2, Jamia Cloth Market, Lyallpur, Pakistan.

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On 1/22/69 at South Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156
by SA FREDRICK E. BECKER/gja Date dictated 1/23/69

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1Date 1/28/69

JOHN R. MANN, Personnel Manager, Microdot, Incorporated, 220 Pasadena Avenue, South Pasadena, California, was shown an enlarged copy of the photograph recently published at the top of pages 22 and 23 in the January 17, 1969 issue of "Life Magazine." This photograph depicted Senator ROBERT KENNEDY during his victory speech at the Ambassador Hotel just minutes before he was shot.

Mr. MANN was able to identify KHALID IQBAL as being the photographer on the stage with Senator and numerous other persons. MANN described IQBAL as being the dark complected person who can be seen standing to the immediate left of JESSE UNRUH and pointing a camera at the Senator in the photograph exhibited.

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On 1/24/69 at South Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA FREDRICK E. BECKER/gja Date dictated 1/28/69

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Records of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Los Angeles, reflected the following information concerning KHALID IQBAL under number [REDACTED]:

IQBAL entered the United States on September 28, 1962 at New York, New York as a student with a F-1 classification. IQBAL held Pakistanian Passport [REDACTED] which was to expire on November 17, 1966.

IQBAL was born on December 18, 1938 in Indo Pakistan, Pakistan.

IQBAL was financially supported by his family while in the United States.

He attended National Technical Schools, 4000 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, and Pacific States University, Los Angeles.

In 1960, IQBAL's I-53 registration card dated January 27, 1968, reflected IQBAL's residence as 819 South Irolo Street, Los Angeles. It further reflects that IQBAL was employed by Microdot, Incorporated, 220 Pasadena, South Pasadena, California, and held Social Security Number [REDACTED].

IQBAL is a citizen of Pakistan and he last entered the United States on December 24, 1965 at Honolulu as a student.

On January 15, 1968, SE GAREY D. POWELL determined from the records of the Los Angeles County Traffic Violations Bureau that IQBAL received a speeding ticket for speeding and paid a fine of \$22.50 on May 2, 1968.

KHALID IQBAL is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]

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Place of Birth	Pakistan
Height	5'11"
Weight	165 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black

On January 16, 1968 the records of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association reflected that IQBAL had a number of bad credit collection accounts, and resided at 819 South Irolo Street, Los Angeles.

On January 17, 1969, it was determined that IQBAL had no record with the Los Angeles Police Department.

On January 17, 1969, it was determined that IQBAL had no record with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.

On January 22, 1969, it was determined that IQBAL is currently residing in his native country of Pakistan and has no intention of returning to the United States.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING A LETTER
DATED MAY 5, 1968, ADDRESSED TO
MR. S. B. SIRHAN, c/o JOHN WEIDNER
AND POSTMARKED UTRECHT, NETHERLANDS

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JOHN H. WEIDNER, owner of Organic-Pasadena, health food store located at 1380 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California, previously advised that he employed SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN as a stock boy at his Pasadena store from September 24, 1967 through March 7, 1968.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

*In Reply, Please Refer to
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November 19, 1968

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

On November 18, 1968, the Directie Politie (Directorate of Police, Ministry of Justice, the Netherlands) furnished the following information:

The Chief Commissioner of Police, Utrecht, Netherlands, received a copy of a letter addressed to the subject and postmarked in Utrecht. This copy was forwarded by cover letter dated July 30, 1968, bearing File Reference No. 6.24 and signed by Robert A. Houghton, Deputy Chief Commander, Detective Bureau, Department of Police, 150 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California. The Los Angeles Police asked that the writer of the letter be traced and interviewed. A copy of that letter is incorporated in this memorandum as Pages 2-4.

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Utrecht May 5th 1968

My dear friend

Thanks for Your letter of April 20 but am
I surprised to read that You have completely changed
your mind.

What has gone into You. Sir?

I know, You have always been a kind of
pessimistic even since the first time I know You
back in '64

But You can't live on that way, why don't You
try to change it?

I know arabian thinking is different than american
thinking, but don't forget. You have a real free life and
You can do whatever You like to.

Why don't You talk to your girlfriend about it?
She will understand You. As far as I can see, it is a
pretty girl. Why don't You send me some more or better
pictures from both of You? Are You going to marry her.

I hope she will give You the life You want.
Maybe You will have some kids then a few

years and You will see everything looks different then

You wouldn't like it the way it is right now in the U.S.?
or do you??

Look what happened to Dr. King a couple of weeks

I know to be rich is nice but I had so many bad
luck in my life that I finally got used to it, and
I am satisfied with what I have right now, and because
that my old boss came to me to ask me back to work
Well so you see, not having too much money, having a
lot of risks and all that stuff, all of a sudden the train comes
This 1st of June I will start there and I know I am
going to enjoy it

Well dear Sisk. I hope you won't do anything you will
be sorry for later and please give me finally your real
address. I even believe that this address is not complete
without the name of the street. I thought Los Angeles was
so big that this could hardly be enough.

Why don't you get married right away then you can
have your own address. Moving from one to the other
good at all.

My daughter is growing up fine. She will be 9 years
old at the 6th of August. Send her a nice card will you?

Well, Sir. I am going to bed now because it
is pretty late and tomorrow I have a lot of work to do.

I hope you will write pretty soon. We will have
better contact with each other than in the past.

I wish you and your girl all the best for the future

Many Greetings
Your friend
Charles

Send to Mrs. ESBES.

Poste Restante Utrecht.

Bernard plain.

Utrecht - Holland.

P.S. Next time I see you come here

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

The Directie Politie furnished the following information which it said had been developed by the police of Utrecht:

The postmark on the envelope of the letter to the subject shows the posting date to be June 21, 1968. The letter was without doubt posted in Utrecht on that date and canceled at the Main Post Office in Utrecht between 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. The stamps on the envelope are of a special series which were issued in the Netherlands only between May 1, and May 28, 1968. The postage was insufficient since the charge for a letter directed to the United States, not exceeding twenty grams in weight, is 45 cents.

The name ESBES was searched through the records of the Register Office in Utrecht, and the Central Civil Registry in The Hague, with negative results. It can be said, therefore, that no person utilizing this name is registered as living in the Netherlands.

The address 51 Prins Bernhardplein, Utrecht, is occupied by a branch post office. The manager of this branch stated that it is unusual for letters to be directed to General Delivery (Poste Restante) at this branch post office. During the past year not a single letter addressed in this manner has been handled by this branch. Inquiries at the Main Post Office in Utrecht revealed that there was no information of any mail being handled through General Delivery there for a Mr. ESBES.

Mention is made in the letter of a daughter of the sender who was born on [redacted]. Efforts to identify the writer through this indicated birth of his daughter proved to be negative.

It has not been possible for the police in Utrecht to identify the writer of the letter to the subject. The Utrecht Police believe it to be a hoax letter and the name ESBES to be fictitious. They suggest the possibility that the name may have been devised from the initials of the subject, S.B.S., which phonetically might be written as es-b-es.

The Directie Politie said that a man named Alwin Edgar Philip Wolfgang, born August 9, 1922, in Paramaribo,

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and now living in Amsterdam, Netherlands, is known to them through its records. A few years ago, Wolfgang, who is regarded as probably mentally disturbed, wrote letters to persons who were involved in sensational cases. One such letter was addressed to Mrs. J. D. Tippit, widow of the police officer who was shot and killed during the investigation immediately following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In view of this, the police in Amsterdam were asked to make inquiries to determine whether Wolfgang could have written the letter addressed to the subject. The Directie Politie furnished an English-language translation of the report of the Amsterdam Police reflecting the results of those inquiries. A copy of that report is incorporated as Pages 7 and 8 of this memorandum.

AMSTERDAM MUNICIPAL POLICE

TRANSLATION

Criminal Investigation Department

"G" Section

G nr. 50924

R E P O R T

With reference to letter dated 3 September 1968, Reference 7.219/218 - 7.313/1418, received from the Head of the National Central Bureau of Interpol in The Hague, asking for enquiries to be made respecting a letter written to Sirhan B. Sirhan, now in custody for the alleged assassination of United States Senator Robert F. Kennedy, I, Detective-Constable 1st Class Dirk PEERBOOM of the Amsterdam Municipal Police, have to report that I have made enquiries as requested.

Records of the Register-Office in Amsterdam show that at the address 1st Floor 142, Admiralengracht, Amsterdam is living: Alwin Edgar Philip WOLFGANG, born [redacted] at Paramaribo.

This person was married at Utrecht on the 13th September, 1950 to Celia JACOBS, born 23rd October, 1932, at Utrecht. There are two children by this marriage, namely Geertruide Aartje WOLFGANG, a girl, born 26th February, 1951, at Utrecht and Alwin Johan Cecil WOLFGANG, a boy, born 27th February, 1965, at Amsterdam. The girl G.A. Wolfgang lives at 54 Brederodelaan, Bloemendaal, where she has lived since July, 1967.

In order to have it ascertained by the police scientist Mr. D. Eskes of Amsterdam Police Headquarters whether or not the letter sent to Sirhan B. Sirhan has been written by the said A.E.Ph. Wolfgang, I, the reporting officer, handed the said police scientist a copy of the said letter to Sirhan B. Sirhan, received from the Head of the N.C.B. of Interpol in The Hague and also a letter dated 12th February, 1968 written by A.E.Ph. Wolfgang to his employer, which had been lent to me by his employer for investigation purposes.

After comparison of the handwritings of the said two letters Mr. Eskes stated that he was of opinion that the handwritings were not alike. He said that he had not been able to find clear points of similarity in the handwritings of the two letters, on the ground of which it would have been possible for him to identify A.E.Ph. Wolfgang as the writer of the letter addressed to Sirhan B. Sirhan. Mr. Eskes, who also said that he was not convinced that A.E.Ph. Wolfgang had not written the letter to Sirhan B. Sirhan, said afterwards that he was all the same inclined to believe that Wolfgang was not the writer of the letter in question.

Further it should be mentioned that the writer of the letter in question says in his letter that his old boss came to him to ask him back to work on 1st June, 1968 and that his daughter, who is growing up fine, will be nine years old on the 6th of August.

Enquiries have however shown that Wolfgang has not changed employment and that his one and only daughter, who was born on [redacted], reached the age of seventeen on 26th February, 1968.

A.E.Ph. Wolfgang is not recorded in the criminal files of the Amsterdam Police, but records of Amsterdam Police Headquarters do show that in 1964 he was the subject of enquiries concerning letters written by him to Mrs. Tippit, the widow of an American police officer and to Mr. Alfred Krupp of Düsseldorf.

The results of these enquiries were reported in the usual manner to the relevant authorities.

A request for information about A.E.Ph. Wolfgang was also made in 1966 by the Special Agent of the Treasury Department of the United States Secret Service in Paris.

In connection with the above matter I, the reporting officer, saw the said A.E.Ph. Wolfgang at Amsterdam Police Headquarters on 14th October, 1968. He then stated to me for sure that he had not written the letter dated 5th May, 1968 and addressed to Sirhan B. Sirhan. He had no idea who might have written that letter. On being asked he said that he only knew Sirhan B. Sirhan from newspapers.

Finally I, the reporting officer, wish to state:-

1. that I have not been able to identify the writer of the letter dated 5th May, 1968 and addressed to Sirhan B. Sirhan;
2. that the enquiries into the matter have been made in cooperation with a colleague of the Special Branch of the Amsterdam Municipal Police;
3. that a copy of the letter dated 12th February, 1968 referred to hereinabove - this letter was returned to Wolfgang's employer on 15th October, 1968 - is attached hereto.

Amsterdam, 16th October, 1968.

Signed: D. Peereboom,

Detective-Constable 1st Class.

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ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP
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It was previously reported that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was acquainted with WALTER S. CROWE, JR., when both were attending Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, in 1965. During interview of CROWE by Special Agents of the FBI on June 7, 1968, he admitted being active in the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), at Pasadena City College in 1965. CROWE admitted having known SIRHAN since both were in the sixth grade in Pasadena, but that he and SIRHAN were not close friends. CROWE advised that SIRHAN did not support him in any of his clubs or activities and CROWE did not attempt to recruit SIRHAN into the Communist Party. CROWE further advised during the interview that he had not seen SIRHAN since May 1968.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. A characterization of SDS is as follows:

APPENDIXSTUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United States International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us". At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anti-communist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes", the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of June 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information concerning the relationship between WALTER SHERRILL CROWE, JR. and SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN on January 23, 1969:

CROWE and SIRHAN were close friends during grade school and high school days to the point where they exchanged such things as phonograph records. During this period, CROWE was not a member of the Communist Party, but he was a socialist in his thinking.

Source advised that in May 1968, CROWE spent an evening with SIRHAN, and that following this meeting CROWE felt that SIRHAN had become stagnant and despondent and had not advanced in his political thinking. CROWE felt that because he, CROWE, had gone to college, he had progressed politically and intellectually, and that he and SIRHAN had nothing in common. CROWE told source that SIRHAN thought politically along Marxist lines in that he believed there is a ruling class and that imperialism does exist, but that SIRHAN was not a political activist. CROWE felt that SIRHAN was despondent because of the Arab problems, which SIRHAN blamed on United States support for Israel.

Source said that CROWE lived at his family's home, 1300 Topeka Street, Pasadena, California, following his graduation from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), in the spring of 1968 until about June 10, 1968, when he moved into the cooperative at UCLA. CROWE stayed at the cooperative during the summer quarter of 1968, although he was not attending the university, and CROWE then returned to live at his family's home.

Source further advised that CROWE attended Communist Party meetings until October 1968. Source advised that CROWE did not attempt to recruit SIRHAN into the Communist Party at any time, and that SIRHAN never discussed Senator KENNEDY with CROWE.

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Following are results of a polygraph examination
afforded WALTER SHERRILL CROWE, JR., by the Los Angeles,
California Police Department on July 8, 1968, under the
name of WALTER M. CROWE:

December 12, 1968

TO: Captain Hugh I. Brown
Commander, Homicide Division

FROM: Lieutenant Enrique Hernandez
SUS

SUBJECT: Polygraph Examination of Walter M. Crowe

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION

Walter M. Crowe was administered a polygraph examination on July 8, 1968, in the polygraph facilities of the Scientific Investigation Division. The examiner was Lt. E. Hernandez #7101, who utilized a three-channel Stoelting instrumentation. The purpose of the examination was to determine any possible implication of Crowe with the assassination of Senator Kennedy or his possible knowledge of Sirhan's intention to shoot the Senator.

It has been established that Crowe and Sirhan met at Bob's Restaurant in Pasadena on the evening of May 2, 1968. Whether at that time and place Sirhan discussed his intention to shoot Senator Kennedy had to be resolved. Considerable time was spent with Crowe discussing the events and the conversation that took place on that evening. He recalled that they discussed the Arab-Israeli conflict and Sirhan asked questions about his political activities. Crowe informed him that during the years of 1966 and 1967 he became an active member of the Communist Party. He believes that he may have tried to interest Sirhan in the Party, but it appeared to him that Sirhan was "turned off" and the subject was later dropped.

Sirhan also mentioned that he wanted to become a millionaire and discussed horse racing. He related a fall that he had suffered while riding a horse in Corona, California.

Crowe described Sirhan as having racist attitudes. He was strongly anti-Jewish and made statements about considering Hitler a hero. He started discussing politics, saying that politics was part of his whole commitment in life and explained that Israel could not be defeated militarily in the Middle East. Crowe stated that he told Sirhan that in his mind Al Fatah had created a political movement among the Arab people in Israel giving them a political voice in their move to deZionize the Israeli state.

Much of this information was vague in Crowe's mind, but when he was specifically asked whether Sirhan mentioned Senator Kennedy on that evening, Crowe replied that it was possible Kennedy could have been mentioned, but he could not honestly remember. Crowe was then asked if he remembered Sirhan making any statement about eradicating, assassinating, shooting, bombing, or in any way eliminating anyone in political office in this country. Crowe responded in the negative. He said that to the best of his knowledge, Sirhan made no mention of eliminating anyone.

In reviewing with Crowe, he again stated that he could not remember, but that it was possible that Kennedy could have been mentioned, but definitely there was no mention by Sirhan about shooting Kennedy or assassinating Kennedy on that evening.

The instrument, theory and procedures to be followed during the course of the examination were reviewed with Crowe. He was given an opportunity to ask questions concerning the testing technique and then two polygrams were obtained to determine whether Crowe was a proper subject capable of being examined instrumentally. These control tests indicated that Crowe was responding physiologically to the controlled stimuli and that he was a proper subject fit for examination. Crowe was very cooperative, he followed instructions, and his attitude and demeanor were good. One zone control test was administered. This test contained the following 12 questions, seven of which were irrelevant questions and five of which were relevant to the issue of Senator Kennedy's assassination:

<u>QUESTION</u>	<u>ANSWER</u>
1. Is your true first name Walter?	Yes
2. Is your true last name Crowe?	Yes
3. If I ask you questions about Sirhan, will you tell me the truth?	Yes, sir.
4. Do you believe that I will be completely fair with you throughout this examination?	Yes
5. Between the ages of 20 and 21, do you remember lying to anyone about something very serious?	Delayed response. Answered, "It is possible."
6. When you talked with Sirhan, did he tell you he was planning to shoot Senator Kennedy?	No

<u>QUESTION</u>	<u>ANSWER</u>
7. Do you remember lying to a police officer about something important?	No
8. Did Sirhan ever tell you he was planning to shoot Kennedy?	No
9. Is there some other question that you are afraid I will ask you during this test?	Delayed answer. Yes
10. Are you withholding information about any pills or medicine that you have taken in the past eight hours?	Vodka
11. Do you know why Kennedy was shot?	No
12. To your knowledge was Sirhan a member of the Communist Party?	No

During the course of the examination, Crowe emitted deceptive physiological responses at points where Questions 3, 6 & 8, the crucial key questions, were asked. These responses are consistent with deception but could also be attributed to the psychological involvement of the subject. Specifically, such indices appeared when Crowe answered that Sirhan had never told him that he was planning to shoot Kennedy.

Upon conclusion of this series of questions, it was evident that the test would not continue satisfactorily until these issues were discussed with Crowe.

Crowe was advised that his responses to the key questions thus far, were indicative of either deception or guilty knowledge on his part. He expressed great concern over his feelings and admitted that he firmly believed he had cast a strong impression over Sirhan. His influence had, in Crowe's opinion, been a determining factor in Sirhan's decision to commit the assassination. Crowe was reminded that prior to being examined instrumentally on the polygraph he had stated that it was possible, but that he did not recall whether he and Sirhan had discussed Senator Kennedy on the evening of May 2, 1968. However, he was told that his responses definitely indicated that he did remember discussing Kennedy with Sirhan. Crowe replied by saying "Yes, there was conversation about Kennedy. God, I mean, he could have said something, you know 'Well, Walt, you know, 'Walter, if somebody should shoot that bastard', and I'm afraid that you will ask me to what degree did I influence him." Crowe was questioned additionally concerning his acknowledged guilt feelings and other conversation that he may have had with Sirhan.

He related that he had discussed Al Fatah with Sirhan. He told Sirhan that the struggle inside Israel was going to be a long, long thing; that it was akin to a liberation struggle and would have to be resolved by war. He told Sirhan that Al Fatah had given the Arab people new morale. In discussing Al Fatah and their guerilla activities, Crowe felt that his statements could have put some terroristic ideas into Sirhan's head and Crowe speculates that due to Sirhan's actions and demeanor at that time, Sirhan could have seen himself as a revolutionary fighter and decided to commit his act.

At this point of the examination, Crowe requested the time. It was 10:30 p.m. Crowe said that he had decided not to discuss the matter further. He said that he felt it was against his interest to say anything further until he had time to consult with his attorney.

Ideally more questions should have been asked to acquire sufficient physiological tracings for adequate comparative evaluation. However, due to the circumstances, this could not be accomplished. There was no opportunity to ask questions pertaining to Crowe's personal involvement in the assassination, consequently there is no criteria on which to form an intelligent opinion as to any criminal participation on his part.

Based on the available polygrams, the only sound conclusion that can be reached is that Sirhan made some statement to Crowe regarding his intent to kill Senator Kennedy. Whether or not this was a casual statement or a detailed discussion cannot be ascertained from the test.

LIEUTENANT ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ
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On October 25, 1968, Mr. FRANCIS DE BUDA was interviewed at his office at 8300¹/₂ West 3rd Street, where he is self-employed as a consulting chemist, telephone number 653-4959.

Mr. DE BUDA advised as follows:

Early in 1968, probably about the middle of February he obtained an employee to assist him in his work through Employer's Clearing House located at Wilshire and La Brea streets, Los Angeles, California, telephone number WE 8-3785.

The employee obtained was a DONALD CLARK, who gave his address as 8464 Kirkwood Drive, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 654-2205.

CLARK worked only for two or three weeks and left his employment on the day Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed, or within a day or so afterwards.

Upon hearing of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in Los Angeles in early June 1968, he recalled that CLARK had asked him during his employment as to whether he knew SIRHAN SIRHAN. He (DE BUDA) replied, "The only saran I know is Saran Wrap". The fact that SIRHAN SIRHAN is an Arab prompted him to recall that CLARK, during the course of his employment had become aware that DE BUDA has a niece, DAWN CHATTY, living in the Los Angeles area and further that her father is an Arab.

He also recalled hearing CLARK speak to someone on the telephone after asking him if he knew SIRHAN SIRHAN to the effect that he (DE BUDA) did not know him (SIRHAN SIRHAN).

DONALD CLARK indicated that he attended Oakland City College, Oakland, California, in about 1962 and

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by SA WILLIAM E. WHITE/dag Date dictated 10/30/68

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and has studied pharmacy. He indicated he was hoping to obtain a pharmacy license in Los Angeles.

CLARK gave references indicating that he had been employed in several Beverly Hills area pharmacies. He checked out several of the pharmacies and verified he had been employed.

He considers CLARK to be a "CARMICHAEL type." CLARK claimed to have known HUEY NEWTON while living in Oakland; however, CLARK indicated he was against Black Power.

CLARK also claimed to frequent the Playboy Club on the Sunset Strip and indicated his wife either worked there or had worked there. CLARK indicated on one occasion he had been picked up by the Los Angeles Police Department "for woman trouble." He claimed three children as deductions on his income tax and had indicated they were living in Canada. He drove an old dark gray MG automobile.

Two of the prior employments indicated by CLARK were the Mickey Fine Pharmacy, 433 Roxbury, Beverly Hills, and the J. W. Ross Medical Center, 1828 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. DE BUDA described DONALD CLARK as follows: Negro male, 26 years of age, 6 feet, 180 pounds, smooth complexion, had extensive dental work, capped teeth.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA FREDRICK E. BECKER:

On November 12, 1968, telephone number 654-2205 was determined to be an unworking number.

On November 12, 1968, a check failed to reflect any telephone listing for a DONALD CLARK on Kirkwood Drive in Los Angeles.

On November 19, 1968, RICHARD E. TAYLOR, 8460 Colecrest Drive, Los Angeles, advised that he owns the residence at 8464 Kirkwood Drive, Los Angeles. He stated that during February to June, 1968, one JOHN WHITE, telephone 654-2705, resided at 8464 Kirkwood Drive and rented from him. TAYLOR stated the name DONALD CLARK is completely unknown to him and that CLARK has not resided at the Kirkwood address. TAYLOR stated that the description of CLARK in no way matches the description of any person known to him. TAYLOR advised WHITE's present whereabouts are unknown and there has been another male occupant rented at the Kirkwood address between June and July and at present the house is rented by two females. TAYLOR advised he has never met anyone fitting CLARK's description or using the name of DONALD CLARK.

On December 2, 1969, JIM FARNBERG, Manager, Employers Clearinghouse Agency, Incorporated, 5225 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised that he was unable to locate any information pertaining to a DONALD CLARK. FARNBERG advised that there is nothing to indicate CLARK received employment through his agency.

On December 2, 1968, MICKEY FINE, Owner, Mickey Fine's Pharmacy, 433 Roxbury, Beverly Hills, advised that DONALD CLARK worked for his pharmacy in August, 1967 until it was learned that CLARK was not licensed to work in a pharmacy. FINE advised he did not know the present whereabouts of CLARK. FINE advised that his records reflect CLARK holds Social Security Number [REDACTED] and his address was listed as 8323 Kirkwood Drive, Los Angeles.

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On December 2, 1968, JOHN WILSON, J. W. Ross Medical Center, 1828 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, advised that the name DONALD CLARK is unknown to him. WILSON was unable to locate any records which would reflect that CLARK had been an employee of the pharmacy in the J. W. Ross Medical Center or in anyother part of the medical center.

On December 2, 1968, neighborhood investigation at 8464 Kirkwood Drive, Los Angeles, revealed the residence to be occupied by two females, and DONALD CLARK is unknown as the residence.

On December 2, 1968, neighborhood investigation as 8323 Kirkwood Drive, Los Angeles, revealed the residence to be occupied by a woman who has lived there for over ten years, and DONALD CLARK is unknown at the residence.

On December 5, 1968, IC MILLARD T. ANDERSON advised that the records of the Los Angeles Police Department failed to reflect any information pertaining to DONALD CLARK.

In view of the above, it is felt that no further efforts to locate CLARK appear to be warranted.

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Date 12/17/68

Mrs. YOLANDA CHANEY, 17563 Rinaldi Street, Granada Hills, California, telephone number 360-6327, advised as follows:

Mrs. CHANEY is the daughter of ROSE CICERO, now in Spain, who owns the apartment property at 1248 West 12th Street, Los Angeles, California. A former tenant in Apartment 4 at 1248 West 12th Street, STUS PRUSZYNSKI, is now living at 2190 Crescent, Apartment #4, Montreal, Canada. He is a free lance reporter and writer who did work for Canadian newspapers "The Gazette" in Montreal and "The Star" in Toronto, Canada.

Mr. PRUSZYNSKI had claimed he was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on the morning of June 5, 1968, and was about fifteen feet behind Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot. Mr. PRUSZYNSKI also claimed he had made a tape recording during the time he was at the Ambassador Hotel.

No further details were known to Mrs. CHANEY, who said that she herself was not at the Ambassador Hotel at the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and could furnish no other pertinent information.

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by SA LESLIE F. WARREN:CM Date dictated 12/17/68

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Date 11/26/68

JERRY CUMMINS, President, Johnston Press, 620
12th Avenue, New York, New York advised as follows:

On the morning prior to the shooting of Senator
ROBERT KENNEDY he left California enroute to New York and
has not been to California since. He has no knowledge of
SIRHAN B. SIRHAN being in the Ambassador Hotel prior to
the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

On 11/26/68 at Telephonically 188
New York City File # NY44-1640
by SA O. EUGENE SMITH Date dictated 11/26/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 12/9/68

PETER EDELMAN, 101 North Carolina Avenue, Apartment 302, Washington, D. C., was interviewed and furnished the following information:

EDELMAN stated he was a legislative assistant to Senator ROBERT KENNEDY during the campaign. He was with the Senator through the States of Indiana, Nebraska, Oregon and California. He said he left the campaign in California, June 3, 1968, and returned to Washington, D. C.

EDELMAN stated he did not see SIRHAN or the girl in the polka dot dress at any time.

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On 12/6/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135
by SAs ROBERT F. PRITY
and DON E. LIGON RFP:sjn Date dictated 12/9/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/20/68

CLIFFORD GILLILAND FLITTIE was interviewed at the Tulsa Resident Agency of the FBI. At the outset, he was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and of the purpose of the interview.

FLITTIE advised he could recall his conversation with NAOMI GROSS on June 5, 1968, while they were passengers in flight from Australia to the United States. He admitted he had made several unfavorable comments about the KENNEDY family, and in particular, about the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He further admitted he had discussed with Miss GROSS the possibility of ROBERT KENNEDY being shot or shot at between then, June 5, 1968, and the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August, 1968.

FLITTIE recalled having made a comment about sending a telegram to Senator EDWARD KENNEDY after hearing of the death of ROBERT KENNEDY to the effect, "After two, how about you?". He stated he could not recall whether or not he had actually written this on paper, but stated emphatically that he had no intention whatsoever of sending such a telegram to EDWARD KENNEDY. FLITTIE considered his remarks as "whiskey talk", claiming he had had several drinks during the flight, and added he believed he used bad judgment in making such comments.

FLITTIE explained he possessed no prior knowledge concerning the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY, and considered it a shocking coincidence that the KENNEDY shooting should occur within an hour of his conversation with GROSS. He noted he is not acquainted with nor has he ever been introduced to any member of the KENNEDY family, and his remarks were not the result of some act committed by a member of the KENNEDY family against him.

He reiterated that he considered the KENNEDY family as "trash" and claimed that, in his opinion, the KENNEDYs' political policies directly resulted in irreparable damage to the welfare of the United States.

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On 12/11/68 at Tulsa, Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 89-64

by SA JOHN L. HARRINGTON & SA DELMER R. EXON J LH:pwm Date dictated 12/17/68

FLITTIE stated he believed his remarks had been "blown out of proportion" and that by his comments he did not intend any personal harm to any member of the KENNEDY family. He concluded by stating he did not believe he constituted any potential danger to any official of the United States Government.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	CLIFFORD GILLILAND FLITTIE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	[REDACTED], Brookings, South Dakota
Height	6'1"
Weight	190
Hair	Black (graying)
Eyes	Brown
Residence	University Club Towers, 1722 S. Carson, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Occupation	Vice President, Amarada Oil Company
Military Service #	USN 961-95-57

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 17, 1968

JAMES FLUG, Legislative Assistant, Senator TED KENNEDY Office, Old Senate Office Building advised that he was a part time assistant to Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY during his Presidential Campaign.

FLUG related that he and PETER EDELMAN departed Los Angeles, California, by airplane enroute to Washington, D.C., on Monday, June 3, 1968. FLUG stated he has seen a photo of SIRHAN SIRHAN in the local newspapers and does not recall ever seeing this individual in the past.

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On 9/17/68 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA PHILIP E. COGHLAN:pc Date dictated 9/17/68

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NICK FAMULARO

The following investigation was conducted by SA FREDRICK E. BECKER at Los Angeles, California, concerning NICK FAMULARO, who was reported by CECI DOUCET as present at the Ambassador Hotel when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated:

Dr. NICK FAMULARO, Hollywood Receiving Hospital, 1350 North Wilcox, Hollywood, California, advised on December 13, 1968, that he was working at the hospital on the night of June 4, 1968, and he was not at the Ambassador Hotel at any time during the night of June 4, 1968.

Dr. FAMULARO advised he has had no connection with politics and he has no idea how any person could have got his name as being the name of a person at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

Dr. FAMULARO advised that he knows of no person by the name of CECI DOUCET and he has absolutely no information pertaining to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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RENT C. FOSS

On November 12, 1968, Detective Sgt. ROBERT ROBINSON, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), made available the following copy of a one-page interview with RENT C. FOSS which was conducted by personnel of the LAPD on June 20, 1968:

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INTERVIEWS

FILE # I-2206

PERSON INTERVIEWED: FOSS, Rent C.

DATE/TIME 6-20-68 12:15 P

RACE HAIR EYES HT WT DOB

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 209 N. Daroca St., San Gabriel PHONE 282-4092

BUSINESS ADDRESS PHONE

INFORMATION: (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW)

P/R states he was at the Eaton Canyon Gun Range this month (unk date) on a Wednesday or Thursday at about 11:15 AM. Range is located on New York Blvd. N. Pasadena. P/R was target practicing & observed a subject who he thought looked like Sirhan. P/R states the subject was also target practicing to P/R's left approx. 10 ft. from him. P/R described subject as M/Hindu; 25/26; 5-4/5; slight build; approx 110 lbs; Drk curly long hair that hung over subject's ears; slender nose. P/R states that subject was not shooting gun rapidly but was slow firing. P/R described the gun as being a small caliber .22 Revolver - 2/2½ barrel - B/S. Subject was at the range prior & after P/R's arrival.

When shown mug photo's P/R picked out Sirhan with some hesitation and stated the subject at the range had a slender nose.

P/R could not positively ID mug of Sirhan.

Clothing on subject unknown.

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VINCE GIMARELLI

The following investigation was conducted by SA JESSE V. MC NULTY at Burbank, California, concerning VINCE GIMARELLI, who was reported by CECI DOUCET as present at the Ambassador Hotel when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated:

On December 12, 1968, Mrs. SUE SUMMERS, Attendance Clerk, Burbank High School; Mrs. HELEN FOGEL, Attendance Clerk, John Burroughs High School; and Sister MARY CAROL, Bellarmine-Jefferson High School, advised they have no record of a student by the name of VINCE GIMARELLI. They could locate no record of any student with a similar spelling.

No other high schools are located in Burbank.

On December 12, 1968, records of the Burbank Police Department and Retail Merchants Credit Association failed to show a record for VINCE GIMARELLI.

A review of city and phone directories and a check of all names in the X-cross directory on Frederick Street failed to list a GIMARELLI family.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/11/68

LEW KADEN was contacted in Room 514 of the offices of the law firm, WILMER, CULTER and PICKERING, 900 17th Street, North West, Washington, D. C. He furnished the following information:

He was employed as a Speech writer and Researcher for the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. KADEN was in Los Angeles, California during May and early part of June, 1968. KADEN left Los Angeles on Monday, June 3, 1968 with PETER EDELMAN and returned to Washington, D. C. KADEN had been with the KENNEDY campaign party in the primaries in Indiana, Oregon and California. A photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN was shown to KADEN. He said he could not recall ever having seen SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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On 10/11/68 at Washington, D. C. File# WFO 173-135by SA ROGER D. ASHLAND:RDA:rda Date dictated 10/11/68

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The "Los Angeles Times", daily Los Angeles newspaper, on December 7, 1968, contained an article captioned "Stolen and Forged Check May Have Been Cashed By Sirhan", on Page 1, Part II. The article indicated that a forged check stolen from a construction company was cashed in a grocery store in Corona, California, in November 1966, by a man believed to have been SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. The alleged forgery, which was for \$81.57, indicated that SIRHAN's name had been typed onto a blank check, one of nine which had been stolen from the Altfillisch Construction Company. The article further indicated that at the time of the forgery, SIRHAN was working as an exercise boy at a ranch owned by the Altfillisch Construction Company.

Information was received from the Los Angeles Police Department on December 18, 1968, that investigation had been completed concerning a check bearing SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN's name which was passed in the Corona, California area in 1966. Investigation determined that KENNETH BLAY, a former employee of Altfillisch Construction Company had admitted stealing and endorsing the nine checks stolen from the Altfillisch Construction Company in 1966, one of them being under the name of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

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Mr. JOSEPH SALVATORE GUISTOLISE, a warehouseman employed by the Western Distributing Company, 2440 East 38th Street, Los Angeles, telephone 583-8761, and who resides at 15505 La Maida Street, Encino, California, telephone 789-7979, advised as follows:

Mr. GUISTOLISE said that he recalled discussing the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY assassination with Mr. JOSEPH LA HIVE, who represents the Jim Beam Liquor Distributing Company, and was aware that Mr. LA HIVE had been at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles at the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. Mr. GUISTOLISE said that he had mentioned to Mr. LA HIVE that a friend of his, a waiter, TONY MUNNO, employed at the Fiore D'Italia Restaurant, 14923 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, had mentioned that another employee at this restaurant was thought to be a friend or acquaintance of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

Mr. GUISTOLISE said that approximately two months before Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was killed, TONY MUNNO had introduced the chef of the above restaurant to GUISTOLISE while at the restaurant. This chef was referred to as "Jimmy, the Cook", also as "the Albanian," a male Caucasian, about 30 to 35 years of age. The chef had stated that he had a friend who was interested in becoming a racetrack jockey, and inasmuch as GUISTOLISE had done part-time work at the racetrack parking cars, it was thought GUISTOLISE might assist the chef's friend. GUISTOLISE claimed that he was not in a position to aid the friend but would do what he could. The chef's friend was not identified and nothing ever came of the request.

Mr. GUISTOLISE related he had a faint recollection of discussing the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY assassination with MUNNO. He could not be sure, but thought MUNNO had mentioned something to the effect that, the chef's friend possibly knew SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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On November 22, 1968, Mr. GUISTOLISE said that he had been thinking about the information he related on November 19, 1968, and discussing it with his wife and had reached the conclusion that Mr. MUNNO had not commented on or mentioned SIRHAN SIRHAN and that it had been speculation on the part of GUISTOLISE that the friend of the chef who wanted to be a jockey, might be a friend of SIRHAN SIRHAN. He claimed his only basis for this speculation was, "he just put two and two together."

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Mr. TONY MUNNO, who is employed as a waiter at Fiore D'Italia Restaurant, 14928 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, and who resides in the rear of this restaurant, telephone 783-9074, related the following:

Mr. MUNNO said that he recalled a discussion several months ago with a man he met at the restaurant whose first name was JOE and who had a long Italian last name. JOE's assistance had been sought to aid a friend of the chef of this restaurant, who was seeking a job as a racetrack jockey. JOE lived on La Madia Street in Encino, California, phone No. 789-7979, and worked as a warehouseman at the Western Distributing Company in Los Angeles. JOE also worked part time at local racetracks parking automobiles. Mr. MUNNO did not recall the exact date of the discussion but did recall the friend of the chef was living in the eastern part of the United States at the time. This friend has since come to California and is currently employed as the second chef at the Fiore D'Italia Restaurant.

Mr. MUNNO continued he could not pronounce the name of the chef or his friend. The chef was referred to as "JIMMY, the Cook" and was reportedly of Albanian descent. Mr. MUNNO had no recollection of any discussion with JOE regarding the chef's friend which in any way involved the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY or SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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SKENDR KACANI, chef at the Fiore D'Italia Restaurant, 14928 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, who lives in the rear of this address, phone number 783-9074, advised the following:

Mr. KACANI stated that he had a friend who is now the number two chef at this restaurant who had been interested in becoming a racetrack jockey prior to coming to California from "back East." His name is HYSEN GARROLI. Mr. KACANI said he recalled mentioning around the restaurant, prior to GARROLI coming to California, that the latter was interested in becoming a jockey. He had some faint recollection of TONY MUNNO, a waiter at this restaurant, introducing him to a man who worked at the racetrack, several months ago. His identity he could not recall, but thought he was a customer of the restaurant who might aid KACANI's friend in becoming a jockey. This was a very hazy recollection and he could not recall any details or descriptive data on the man in question.

Mr. KACANI said that he had never engaged in any discussion while seeking assistance for GARROLI as a jockey, which in any way involved SIRHAN SIRHAN or the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Mr. KACANI claimed that neither he nor his friend, Mr. GARROLI, had ever heard of SIRHAN SIRHAN until he was charged with the murder of Senator KENNEDY.

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Mr. HYSEN GARROLI, number two chef at the Fiore D'Italia Restaurant, 14928 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, who resides in the rear of this address, telephone 783-9074, related the following:

Mr. GARROLI said he came to California from the Massachusetts area about August of 1968. He at the time had aspirations to be a jockey. He had sought the assistance of a friend in California, SKENDAR KACANI, in trying to get lined up as a jockey at some racetrack prior to coming to California. KACANI was at the time and still is employed as the chef at the Fiore D'Italia Restaurant.

Mr. GARROLI continued that after arriving in California he secured his present job through KACANI and never made any further attempts to become a jockey. GARROLI said he had never known or ever heard of SIRHAN SIRHAN before the latter was charged with the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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The United States Secret Service Headquarters, Washington, D. C., on October 28, 1968, furnished FBI Headquarters, Washington, D. C., with a copy of a communication addressed to "Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey, National Headquarters, Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C." The communication was allegedly sent by SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN and postmarked at Pasadena, California, on October 22, 1968.

The return address was indicated as "Sharif B. Sirhan, 696 E. Howard Street, Pasadena, California", and the envelope was addressed to Mr. NIXON. The envelope contained a two-page letter beginning with "How do you justify taking one land from one people..." and ending with "For the sake of justice and the world peace, thank you".

This letter was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination and the Laboratory has identified it as Qc35.

Additional writings of SHARIF and SAIDALLAH SIRHAN were obtained and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes on November 15, 1968.

RESULTS OF FBI LABORATORY EXAMINATION

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Los Angeles (56-156)

Date: December 2, 1968

FBI File No. 62-587

Re: KENSALT

Lab. No. D-681118133 AT

Specimens received 11/18/68

Kc25 Two receipts for welfare funds and four Pasadena Police forms bearing known signatures of SAIDALLAH SIRHAN

Kc26 Pasadena Police Department handwriting sample form bearing known handwriting and hand printing of SHARIEF B. SIRHAN

Result of examination:

The "Sharif B. Sirhan" signature on Qc35 is entirely too indistinct to permit suitable comparison with the writing on specimens Kc25 and Kc26. Therefore, a definite conclusion was not reached whether the signature on Qc35 was written by either of the writers of Kc25 and Kc26.

Kc25 and Kc26 are retained.

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